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KICK OFF: Southend United footballer Lee Sawyer helps relaunch the market in York Road.
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Traders and shoppers encouraged to use relaunched York Road Market

'USE IT OR LOSE IT'

By Paul Giles

OFFICIALS behind the relaunch of York Road Market have issued an appeal for traders and shoppers – to use the facility or risk losing it.

The market was originally launched on April 23, under the supervision of Geraud Markets UK. The original indoor market was closed in 2009 due to health and safety grounds.

Although the return of the market was a success, the number of shoppers using it tailed off.

Now, residents are being urged to give the market a chance and check out the stalls on offer.

John Connolly, business and con-

tracts manager for Geraud Markets UK, said: "York Road Market has got new amenities, great car parking for traders and new stalls provided by the council – and it's in a well-known location.

"A relaunched market is going to need a little time to establish itself in the current economic climate, but York Road has a lot of positives going for it."

A number of deals are on offer to encourage traders to take up stalls, including a half-price discount for those selling goods not already on offer.

"We will look at every trader on an individual basis to see how we can give them further support," Mr

Connolly added.

Meanwhile, Southend Council leader Nigel Holdcroft has said the authority had listened to residents' wishes by reopening the market.

He said: "Following the closure of the old indoor market, shoppers and traders alike implored us to do everything in our power to bring the market back as soon as possible.

"We listened to them and we have invested a significant amount of money and council resources to provide new amenities and stalls for traders.

"We also brought in market specialists Geraud to run the relaunched market in a bid to make it

a success again. But there is only so much we can do as a local authority – we need traders to trade from the market and shoppers to buy goods from it.

"It wasn't working as a Friday and Saturday market so we have decided to give it one last big push as a Friday-only market in the hope that it will prosper.

"We desperately want the market to succeed but we can't afford to bankroll it.

"People have got to understand that if it doesn't become viable, we'll have to call time on it."

Anyone wishing to take up a stall at the market can contact Mr Connolly on 0151 233 2165.

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Old Leigh Regatta

OLD Leigh Regatta will take place this weekend with plenty to do for visitors.

The charity event has been organised by the three Scout and Explorer groups in the town with a special charity being nominated.

Visitors can expect a selection of music, stalls and competitions, including the new hula hoop competition, which will see people trying to spin as many as possible.

Free school meals

PARENTS can now check online to see if their children are eligible for free school meals.

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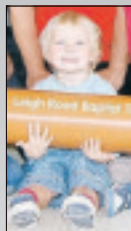
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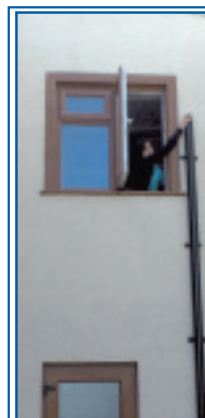
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A YOUNG dancer has made his way to the grand final of Essex Has Talent.

Ryan Dali, 10, started dancing two years ago. In that time, the Earls Hall Junior School pupil has won a national dance competition with his street dance style and has also performed for people with special needs at La Quinta, in Hadleigh.

Ryan's skills have now seen him beat 150 other dancers to the finals of Essex Has Talent – but he needs your votes to win.

Ryan said: "I love to make people happy and smile and I just love dancing. Please give me my chance to shine."

To vote for Ryan, call 0901 13200 23 or search for 'Ryan Dali, Essex Has Talent' on Facebook.

MOVES: Ryan Dali needs your votes to win the Essex Has Talent competition. Picture by Martin Dalton

Talented young dancer through to finals



Pier will remain closed while work takes place

SOUTHEND Pier will remain closed to the public for the next 10 days while repairs take place.

Work is being carried out on the walkway and support pilings after they were damaged by a barge last Tuesday.

Contractors are due to start work on the pier today (Wednesday) and Southend Council hopes it will be

completed in time for the pier to reopen on Saturday, September 24.

The date coincides with the visit of the paddle steamer, Waverley, and the start of the two-day Busking on the Pier event.

Derek Jarvis, Southend's councillor for culture and tourism, told the YA that bad weather and tidal conditions had hampered the structural

engineer's attempts to assess the damage to the pier.

"However, he has been able to set out the temporary repairs, which are necessary to enable the public to have access to the pier again and we estimate these will take 10 days to implement," he said.

"We are aiming to get the pier open to residents and visitors again in time

for the Waverley's arrival and the first day of the busking event on Saturday, September 24.

"The full repairs will involve a second phase of works, which are estimated to take four to six weeks.

"These are scheduled to take place in the autumn, but the public will continue to have safe access to the pier while they are carried out."

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Witness appeal after robbery

POLICE are appealing for information about a robbery which happened in Thorpe Hall Avenue, Southend.

The incident took place between 1am and 2am on Tuesday, August 30, between the junction with Burges Road and Thorpe Esplanade.

The victim, a 30-year-old local man, was approached by two men and robbed of £90 in cash.

The men made off on foot towards Shoebury – anyone with information is asked to contact PC Baker at Southend on 101.

Churches put on Alpha Course

CHURCHES from across Southend are putting on an Alpha Course at the Plaza Centre in Southchurch Road.

The course – an informal and relaxed way of exploring life's big questions – will take place tomorrow (Thursday), from 7.30pm.

The evening will include a talk, food and plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion, or you can just listen, if you prefer.

For more information, contact Jenny on 01702 461616.

Schools merge to create a new one

A NEW school has been created by combining Thorpedene Infant School and Thorpedene Junior School.

The new primary school aims to provide that best standard of education to children aged four to 11.

On Monday, September 5, children released balloons to celebrate the opening of the new school.

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Help find cats a good home

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND Cats Protection will be holding a rehoming event next weekend.

People will get the chance to see between 15 and 20 cats that are in desperate need of a new home.

Rita Rogers, homing officer for the Cats Protection, explained the organisation would neuter, vaccinate and microchip any of the cats over six months old.

She said: "It's vital we rehome cats to the right homes so we can

take more cats in.

"We have had a lot of cats in recently – people are giving them up for economic reasons."

The event will be held at the Holy trinity Church Hall, in Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, on Saturday, September 24, between 10.30am and 1pm.

Anyone wishing to adopt a cat is eligible for a home visit on the same day so felines can be taken home.

For more information about cat adoption, contact Cats Protection on 01702 710630.



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The volunteers will complement the fire service's existing work.

For further information or to join the team, contact Anthony Quinn at Turning Tides on 01702 356070.

Alternatively, e-mail turningtides@savs-southend.co.uk

Music on the pier

MUSICIANS are set to stir up a storm at Southend Pier with two days of performance.

The busking festival will be held from 12noon until 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25.

Among the artists signed up to play for an hour is Lewis Floyd Henry – a unique one-man band who manages to play guitar and a mini drum kit at the same time.

If you would like to busk on either day, contact the event organisers on 01702 618747.

School turns 98

SOUTHEND High School For Girls will be celebrating its 98th birthday this weekend.

On Saturday, a fete will be held in the school grounds to mark the occasion between 12noon and 4pm.

Nine giant inflatables, archery, fencing, a live music lounge, lots of stalls and attractions will also be on offer.

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Church pre-school buries time capsule

CHILDREN celebrated a £1million development at Leigh Road Baptist Church (LRBC) Pre-School by burying a time capsule last Thursday.

The church in Marguerite Drive, Leigh, will see a new glass entrance, seating for 300 people, an enhanced community hall for events, a new pre-school and gardens.

The time capsule contained church, local and national items that gave a snapshot of life on this day in history.

There is also a Bible and details of the other community services that are held from the pre-school children.

The church's website for the day was also archived and placed on a memory stick along with some sample recordings of different church services from LRBC's weekly podcast.

Senior minister, Rev Steven Hembery,



CAPSULE: Children from Leigh Road Baptist Church Pre-School help bury the time capsule.

explained the church currently provides a coffee shop, community centre, auditorium, halls, retail outlets and warehouse facilities, but they needed modernising.

He said: "We are delighted that every week, hundreds of people use the church premises for a multi-tude of activities.

"The new upgraded

high-tech worship area will allow us to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ in a relevant and accessible way."

Jane Brookes, project co-ordinator, said it was creating a contemporary, visible and inviting landmark that would build upon more than 100 years of services for the people of

Leigh.

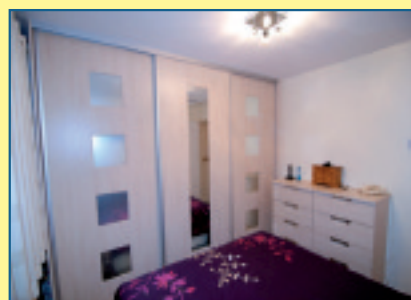
"LRBC is transforming its complex by enhancing the Pre-School and community facilities," she said.

"Until the work is completed, the church will be open for business as usual, with Sunday services and many of the weekly activities still taking place."

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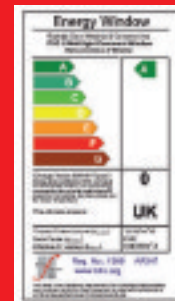
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Writer wins publishing deal

By Paul Giles

A LEIGH writer could be heading for the big time after landing a two-book deal with publishing giant Harper Collins.

Syd Moore is about to release her first book, *The Drowning Pool* – a contemporary story based around the legend of Sarah Moore, the sea witch, who lived in Leigh in the 19th Century.

Some parts of the book will be familiar to those who know Leigh as the main character has moved there with her child. When strange things start to happen to her, she realises she could be haunted by the sea witch's ghost.

Syd, who has an MA in creative writing and is also the editor of *Level 4* magazine, told the YA that Sarah Moore had been in her mind since the pub sharing her name opened in the town.

The 40-year-old writer began to research Sarah Moore and discovered what a tough life she had.

Syd, of Oakleigh Park Drive, said: "I wanted to write a story about a character that had been reviled by the people of Leigh.

"Sarah Moore had nine kids, and was a mangler – that was back-breaking work.

"She was a poor old woman that had a lot of tragedy in her life and I wanted to tell the other side.

"People viewed her as a witch. She did the fortune telling with sand through her fingers and made herbal potions. But unfortunately her reputation got nailed when there was a cholera epidemic in the town and she lost two children



BOOK LAUNCH: *The Drowning Pool* is a contemporary horror story launched by Leigh author, Syd Moore, who has a two book deal with publishing giant, Harper Collins.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

in four days.

"She boiled up a herbal brew and left it on the steps of afflicted families and the babies died. The local people said she poisoned the babies because she couldn't bear to see any more children."

Syd said she had been lucky that the director of Harper Collins had read the first two chapters.

"I'd sent them to a friend who

works at the publisher and she printed them out but forgot to pick them up," she explained.

"They ended up being given to the director, who loved them, and it grew from there.

"Being published is fantastic – it feels like all the extra hours I have put into my writing have paid off.

"Sometimes you keep writing and you think that if you are not

getting published, you may be a bit deluded. But now I have got a deal, it makes me feel that I'm not mad and I'm a good writer."

The Drowning Pool is available from all good bookshops and Amazon.

Syd will be appearing at Waterstone's in Southend on Saturday, October 1, at 1pm to sign copies of the book.

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Police hunt for woman

A WOMAN is being traced by police on recall to prison for breaking the terms of her licence.

Anne Crocker has recently lived in Ceylon Road, Westcliff, and Cheltenham Road, Southend. The 23-year-old was convicted of robbery in Southend in January.

She is about 5ft 2ins tall, of medium build with blue eyes. She has shoulder-length hair, light brown and straight.

She has a tattoo on her lower right arm: '2PAC'. She is believed to frequent the Marine Parade area in Southend.

Anyone with any information about her is asked to contact Inspector Leigh Norris at Southend on 101, or anonymously at Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Man sexually assaulted

A MAN needed hospital treatment after he was sexually assaulted last week.

The victim was walking in Park Street between 10.15pm on Monday, September 5, and 1.30am on Tuesday, September 6, when he was grabbed from behind and sexually assaulted.

The attacker was white, in his late 40s or early 50s, of medium build and had short curly hair, two distinctive piercings in his bottom lip and one eyebrow piercing.

Anyone with information should contact Southend CID on 101.

Charity jumble sale

A JUMBLE sale will be held at Eastwood Memorial Hall, in Lambeth Road, Eastwood, this Saturday.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Muscular Dystrophy charity.

The sale will start at 9am and it will cost 20p for entry.

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Southend residents speak out over York Road Market

Yellow Advertiser reporter PAUL GILES speaks to the traders and shoppers at York Road Market to see what they think of the facility and its future...

Derrick Marriott, of Poynings Avenue, thinks having to pay rent for a stall may be an issue for some of the traders.

He said: "I think it's bad for the council to put this ultimatum on people.

"People like walking round the markets."



Anne Roe, 62, from Westcliff, believes closing down the old York Road site was wrong.

She said: "They shouldn't have closed down the market in the first place – the council should have just renovated it.

"Closing down the old site was bad because it means a little bit of Southend's history has been lost."



Paul Roff, 62, from Southend, wants to see more stalls at the market.

He said: "I've come down and looked at the market since it started on this site and there just isn't enough there.

"The council should look at getting more stalls and that will bring more people to the market.

"At the moment, there aren't enough stalls, but I hope it does well."



Steve Beckwith, 58, from Basildon, runs a bag stall at York Road Market. He hopes the relaunch will work.

He said: "I'm happy with the market being on only a Friday – it makes more sense to have one day a week, really.

"I think York Road is a very good site for a market, but Roots Hall will close shortly.

"If it does, I think this market could become a two day one."

John Roe, 61, from Westcliff, visits the market every week and is keen to see it expand.

He said: "It's down to the council to try and get more stalls here.

"I was going to open a stall here myself, but when I saw the number of them dropping down, I decided not to."



Jackie Marriott, also of Poynings Avenue, believes the market is on the wrong site.

She said: "I think the market should be pushed into the High Street so more people can see the stalls.

"It would be good to have something like a farmers' market, too."



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The incident is alleged to have taken place at an address in Fairfax Drive, Westcliff.

Police would also like to speak to Milner about a burglary committed at an address in Brightwell Avenue, Westcliff, in September 2008 and an address in the same road in May.

Milner is white, 5ft 8in tall and of medium build with short blond hair.

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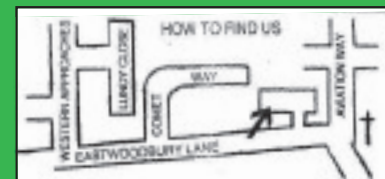
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Turf turning at new Primary Care Centres

By Paul Giles

THE ground work on two new Primary Care Centres in Westcliff took place last week.

Both centres in North Road and Valkyrie Road will offer a range of healthcare services to residents in Westcliff and Southend.

They are set to include a range of services including GPs, a pharmacy, blood taking and community nursing services. It is also hoped the centres will become a community hub that can be used by local groups and residents.

The centres are due to open in the spring of 2013.

Katherine Kirk, chairman for NHS South East, described the turf turning last Thursday as 'a

landmark' for the developments.

She said: "Everyone who has been involved in the projects has been working with one goal in mind – to provide the residents of both Westcliff and Southend with a more efficient, effective health service."

"Now that building work is underway, that day is getting nearer. Local residents will soon be able to benefit from new, fit-for-purpose buildings which will offer a greater range of health services under one roof."

Dr Rupert Halliday, a GP at Valkyrie Road Surgery, said the new centres would 'transform healthcare provision in the area'.

He added: "I would like to share how delighted we are that building work has now begun."



TURF TURNING: Margaret Hathaway (NHS South East Essex), Stephen Jacobs (Lift Co.), Dr Sue Callaghan (Valkyrie Surgery), Councillor Nigel Folkard and Katherine Kirk (NHS South East Essex) – on the digger.

Swim centre shortlisted

SOUTHEND Swimming and Diving Centre is up for a national award.

The facility has already won the regional award in the Best Technical Innovation category of the National Local Authority Building Control (LABC) Building Excellence Awards.

The centre, at Garon Park, off Eastern Avenue, officially opened last autumn and swiftly achieved national recognition.

The British Olympic diving team has announced its intention to use the new centre as a pre-Games training camp prior to London 2012.

The LABC Building Excellence awards recognise those who have devised interesting methods of complying with building regulations via new designs or technological innovation.

Judges looked for new or unusual ways to overcome construction challenges.

They said, because the centre had been constructed on a restricted complex, the building had to overcome site budget and operational constraints to achieve a first class dive facility.

Councillor for culture and tourism, Derek Jarvis, congratulated the project team on their skills and overcoming technical challenges.

He said: "We were thrilled the centre won the regional award and it is doubly exciting that it is now competing with the country's leading projects."

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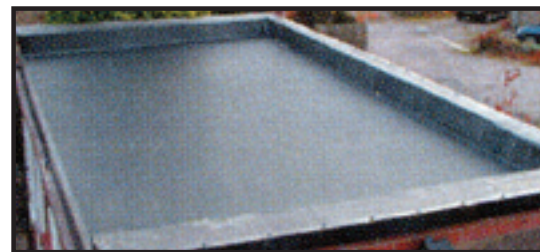
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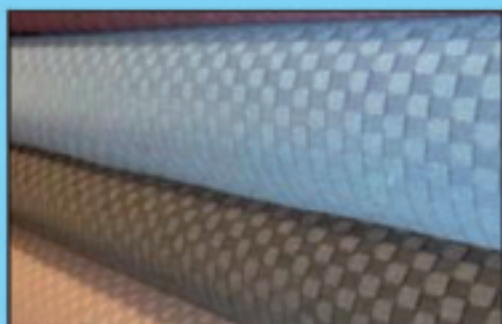
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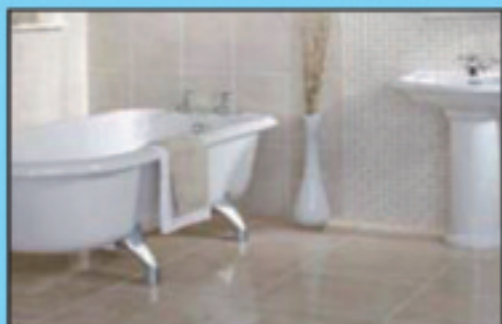
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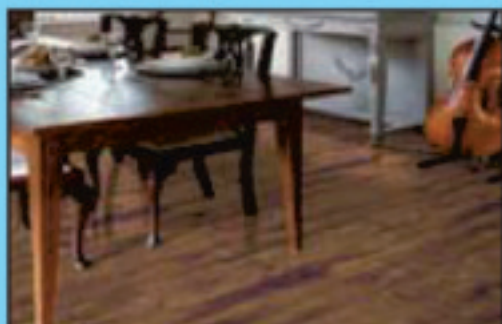
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Council worker up for housing award

By Paul Giles

A COUNCIL worker has been named as a finalist in the Housing Awards 2011.

Gabbi Millar, lead officer for Southend Council's housing options service, was shortlisted in the Creating Safer Communities category for Sanctuary Scheme – a domestic abuse project.

The initiative helps people who have experienced, or are at risk of domestic abuse to remain at home while the abuser is not there.

The scheme, established in 2008, focuses on things like adapting homes to keep people safe and rebuild confidence.

Lesley Slater, councillor for adult social care, health and housing, congratulated Gabbi for being shortlisted.

She said: "We hugely value Gabbi's contribution to the people of Southend."

"We are delighted that her terrific work

is now being noted and we wish her the very best of luck for the finals."

The award winners will be announced at a special ceremony in London on Wednesday, November 9.

NOMINATION: Lorna Watson, crime reduction officer from Essex Police and Jacqui Lansley, head of community strategy and development with Gabbi Millar, who is up for the award.



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Teenagers attack train passenger

By Matthew Stanton

A TRAIN user was beaten unconscious by a gang of youths while passengers looked on. British Transport Police are looking for a group of 12 teenagers who kicked and punched the victim to the ground before kicking him in the face and body.

It is believed the 22-year-old was attacked following an earlier altercation at Southend Central station. He was then set upon while travelling to Benfleet station at around 5.40am last Sunday.

Detective Constable David Bishop said: "Even once he was knocked unconscious, the attack continued as the group kicked him about the face and torso. This type of incident is very rare on the railway, and violence of this nature will simply not be tolerated."

The man was left with severe bruising to his right eye, cuts across his head, ears and chin and damage to his ribs. He stumbled off the train at Benfleet station, where he was met by paramedics who took him to Southend Hospital.

The attackers are all described as white and in their late teens. The main suspect was of a stocky build and wearing a grey jumper.

Some of the gang left the train when it arrived at Benfleet and others remained on board - call British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 quoting reference B8/LNA of 06/09/2011.

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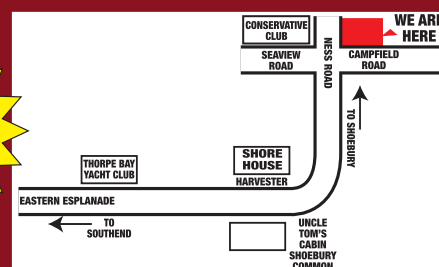
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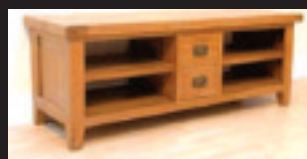
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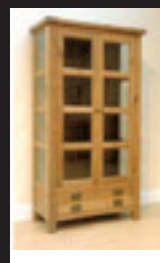
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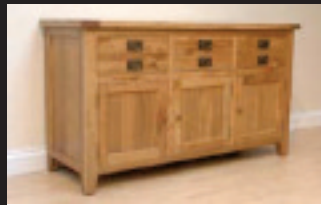
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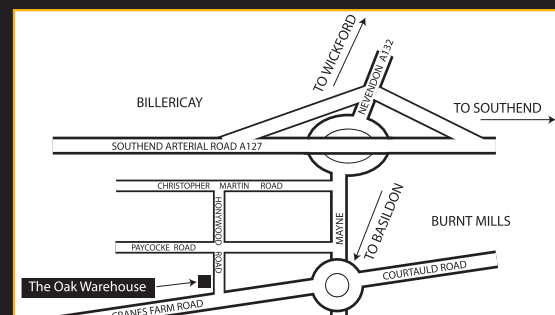
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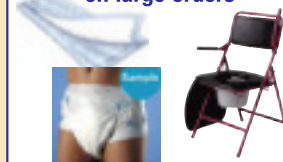
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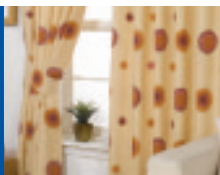


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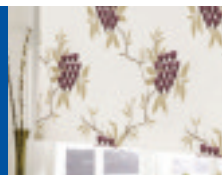
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Cockles and whelks are overpriced

I BOUGHT some cockles and whelks last weekend in Old Leigh and couldn't believe the cost. They were £4 each for a so-called 'medium' amount, which was a small plastic tub, so £8 for a small portion of each, locally fished and brought in, in bulk.

I realise the general running costs for a fishing boat are quite high, but won't be indulging in such a 'luxury' again.

Derek Josephs,
Westcliff-on-Sea

NHS is just fine

HAVING spent a week in Southbourne Ward at the Southend Hospital, I can only endorse the comments of Heather Alexander and P Jackson regarding the care and kindness of all the staff from the cleaners, the ladies with the tea and food trolleys and right through to the consultants. Nothing was too much for them, including the night-shift.

Then we go on to hear the dribble from Mr Bodimeade and Julian Ware-Lane, who, in the past, felt that the NHS was in a state of collapse due to

this Government, and even thought that both Blair and Brown had done wonders in bringing this once great country to almost bankruptcy.

At least Julian knows he can depend on one solid vote next time he stands for any vacancy that is going.

C Cheesman,
Southend-on-Sea

What are we paying for?

PERHAPS Southend Council should have had a closer look at Thorpe Hall Avenue in Thorpe Bay before resurfacing. It was in this area that building work was carried out on a new house and contractor's lorries caused most of the problems to the road and damage to the pavements, which has not been attended to.

I thought it was council policy to pursue contractors in cases like this, rather than expect ratepayers to foot the bill.

The £75,000 spent could have been deployed on repairing pavements and ensuring that roads are free of weeds, but that would be asking too much as these issues do not seem to concern the council chiefs, despite representations being made to them by residents in this area.

While on the subject of wast-

ed money, can the council justify why expensive wooden posts are being erected the length of Woodgrange Drive to advise people not to park on the grass verges (they never did!). It would be interesting to know what this all cost?

P Fletcher, *Southend-on-Sea*

What a cheek...

THE St Laurence Way link road is a real story of positive collaboration, even down to the ward councillors agreeing the name in about two minutes or less and attributing to each other the generous facts as to who suggested what!

But I am astounded at the hypocritical nature of the script writers who published a fancy headline for a shrinking political group with the title 'A Road Too Far', trying to stir up angst about the road and the implications of it.

The same group members had the cheek to attend its official opening and be photographed trying to take some of the dignity of the occasion.

No wonder many still have little confidence in the men and women who work tirelessly for their communities.

Councillor Mark Flewitt
Portfolio Holder For Childrens Services
Member for St Laurence Ward (Conservative)

EU didn't exist then

REFERRING to Mr Watson (YA Letters, Sep 7), I would suggest he reads again the recent history of Europe.

We have never had a referendum on staying in the EU. What happened in 1975 was a referendum under the Wilson Government to continue membership of the EEC (European Economic Community) – an organisation of European countries which removed tariffs on goods between the original member states.

The EU was not in existence in 1975. I am surprised the Yellow Advertiser published such an inaccurate letter.

Bob Baker, *Great Wakering*

EU has its benefits

GRAHAM Watson (YA Letters, Sep 7) would like an outline of the benefits of membership of the EU so I will do my best to oblige him.

The EU has given us 60 years of lasting peace among the major countries of Europe. This has never happened before in the last 500 years.

This has enabled them to use their resources to improve the well being and living standards of their citizens to a level higher than ever before, rather than to arm themselves up every 20 years and set about killing each other in ever increasing numbers as has always happened in the past.

This seems to me to be quite a benefit. I also believe he is talking nonsense when suggests that the French renege on their commitments. They are just as honourable as we are in dealing with EU matters.

Albert Smith,
Address supplied

...but it's a different beast now

ALBERT Smith (YA Letters, Aug 31) says we can't keep on having referenda. Why not? We have only ever had two and one of them (AV) nobody asked for.

We keep on having elections and they produce minority 'winners' so why can't we have a majority referendum winner?

As he supports the EU, which we were lied in to, he should at least have the honesty to inform us what it was called back in 1975 when we did have a referendum and what was the exact question asked on the voting form. The EU is a different beast today.

He should also make it clear if he supported the EU decision to make both Denmark and Ireland vote again when both countries delivered a referendum result the EU did not

want. He talks about majority rule then the next thing denies it. Don't we get enough of this double dealing through parliament?

C Cooper, *Address supplied*

Mr Smith is wrong

HOW many more times is Albert Smith going to claim we have had a referendum on staying in the EU (YA Letters, Aug 31)? We have had nothing of the sort.

He wants to get his facts right. Thirty-five years ago we had a referendum to decide whether we stayed in the then Common Market, which was about trading. It was nothing to do with the EU, which wasn't even in being then.

AS Lowe, *Hornchurch*

What do we gain from EU?

MR A Smith (YA Letters, Aug 24) is quite right that in 1973 we had a referendum on whether or not we should remain a member of the European Union. A staggering amount of money was available and used on the 'Yes' side, which culminated in favour of our membership.

The referendum was about the Common Market, a Trading Union. The EU has now progressed to a take over of an enormous amount of our laws which we never envisaged and which we cannot do anything about.

What the people now urgently request is a referendum on the EU itself. We have had no say whatsoever on whether we stay in or come out of the EU.

It would be interesting to learn what benefits we gain, or have gained, from the EU.

Mrs G Smith,
Address supplied

Cull will go ahead

DESPITE overwhelming opposition by the general public and scientists to a badger cull, Tory ministers have announced that they intend to go ahead and kill 70 per cent of UK badgers over a four-year period.

Defra's recent announcement will allow farmers to randomly shoot free-running badgers, lured out by food traps, mainly at night. Most farmers will opt for this method as it is the cheapest. Shooting is bound to cause horrific injuries as a clean kill cannot possibly be guaranteed.

Badgers are harmless, loved, unique and secretive and their numbers are already in decline due to the hard winter and lack of earthworms. They are

already under pressure from baiting with dogs, illegal trapping and road kill, but the biggest threat of all is from the dairy industry.

Farmers hysterically blame them for the spread of bovine TB, even though the real reasons lie much closer to home.

Modern dairy farming is so intense that cows cannot cope and are riddled with diseases and exhausted from over work by being forced to produce vast quantities of milk. Their immune systems are in tatters and most are slaughtered at five or six years old.

To this we can add grossly inaccurate TB tests that allow diseased animals to re-infect their own herd or to be transported around the UK, infecting new herds.

The diminishing levels of bTB over the last three years, with no badgers killed, confirms the pointlessness of culling and a £50m, ten-year, independent investigation by top scientists (ISG) concluded that 'badger culling cannot meaningfully contribute to the control of cattle TB' and 'could make matters worse'.

The RSPCA is just one organisation that believes the bTB problem should be tackled using an approved vaccine licensed for use in March this year, combined with more cattle testing, improved biosecurity and stricter controls on the movement of cattle.

However, despite sound scientific evidence opposing a cull and huge public opposition, David Cameron and the farming industry remain obsessed with killing off Britain's wildlife.

Please sign online petitions opposing the cull of these so-called 'protected' animals.

Patricia Hall,
Address supplied

We must let animals live

THERE are those who tread on snails and say, 'So what – what use are they?' And it seems that those individuals, whether or not they ever develop into proper people, hate foxes too, as well as squirrels.

Your recent 'Name and address withheld' correspondent not only didn't like foxes but had the gall to describe his neighbours, who fed the foxes in their gardens, as 'ignorant'.

It would be easy to fall in to the trap of dismissing such people as your correspondent as 'thick as custard', but I won't do that. Instead I want to say 'well done' to his neighbours, and thank them for their compassion in feeding the birds and the foxes in their garden so that wild animals can continue to survive.

If we don't give such help, then all we will be left with is your correspondent. And that would be really bad news!

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Village's Citizen of the Year

By Matthew Stanton

A RETIRED teacher who formed a community group for vulnerable people 23 years ago has been rewarded for her efforts.

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The grandmother-of-one runs the Thursday Club in Great Wakering Methodist Church Hall, also in High Street, to allow elderly and

less mobile residents to socialise. Grace, who used to teach special needs children at Great Wakering Primary School, formed the club in 1988 after hearing that some people struggled to fit in at other community groups.

She said: "The club is very rewarding and I am delighted with the council's award.

"However, the biggest award is seeing people smiling and knowing they are happy.

"Many of the members live alone and the weekly meetings give them

the chance to meet others."

Treasurer Grace, whose granddaughter, Alana, lives in Canada, gives up her own time to organise weekly entertainment, provide lunches and take elderly people shopping on Thursday afternoons.

Grace also invites groups such as schools, dog handling groups, Age Concern and other helpful organisations to give advice to the club.

Transport is provided to members for their weekly meets, anniversary luncheons and trips.

This year, the group members

enjoyed a visit to a garden centre in Tiptree before a drive around the countryside of Thaxted, Finchingfield and Dunmow.

Each week, refreshments, stalls and lunches are organised by the club's volunteers for its 30 members.

Anyone looking to join the club or can provide help or entertainment should call 01702 219658.

PROUD: Citizen of the Year Grace Scott shows off her vase.

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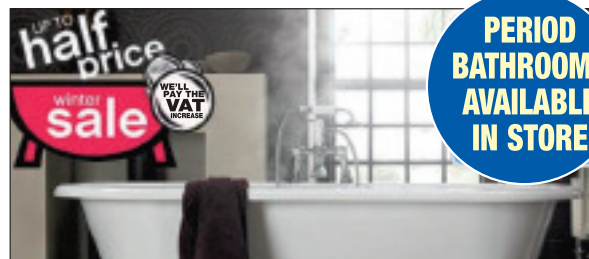
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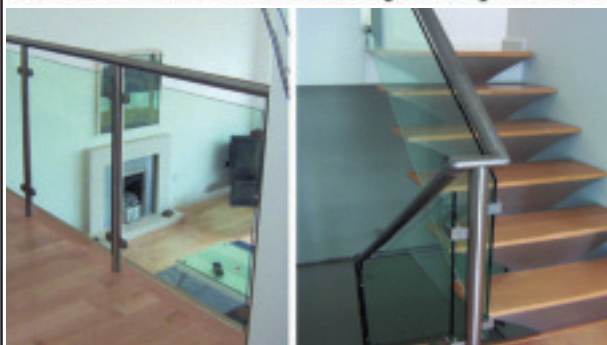
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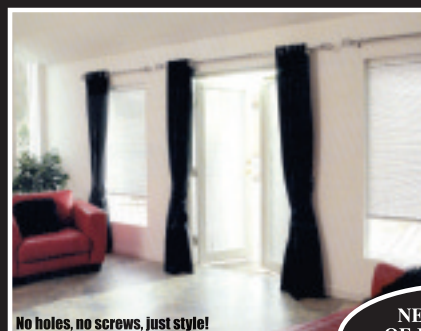
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our verdict

We had to park up and walk over a bridge to actually get to Old Leigh itself. We went past quite a few boats that were moored up, and were like little fishing boats. There were lots of little cottages that had small doors and rooms, too, and there is also a museum place which has lots of photographs and information about the local area inside. There is also a little cottage at the back of the building that you can walk around. You can also go upstairs to explore.



Joseph Chambers, 13

Old Leigh was nice and we bought ice cream there. Mum bought some cockles and I tried one, but I didn't like it. There were also some boats that we looked at and there was a heritage centre, and a shop that had lots of hand-made things inside. There was also a cottage that was once a fisherman's cottage, many years ago. There was a table and chairs downstairs and two beds upstairs. You could also hear the family talking as if they were still there.



Joshua Chambers, 10

fact file

- **DIRECTIONS:** The headquarters of all three arms of the society are based in the Old Smithy at 13A High Street, Old Leigh. Parking in Old Leigh is very restricted so visitors are advised to use the station car park. Also, avoid driving up the High Street as the road is very narrow.
- **OPENING TIMES:** The museum is open most days, especially at weekends, usually from 10.30am to 3pm. Times may vary though, as the centre, is run by volunteers, so always check before you leave.
- **ENTRANCE:** Entry to the museum and cottage is free, but donations are welcome.
- **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Call 01702 470834.

Exploring the past

LIZ WADE and her two boys discover the history of Old Leigh on their visit to Leigh Heritage Centre

SOMETIMES it is hard to find a place that has kept its old charm by escaping the impact of development, but an area beside the Thames Estuary has done just that.

While many of Old Leigh's historic buildings were lost when it was sliced in half by the coming of the railway, some remain in an area of the former fishing village sandwiched between the railway line and the Thames Estuary.

Other buildings that had either collapsed or been left derelict have been saved or restored for future generations, thanks to the tireless work of the community, volunteers and the Leigh Society.

The society, set up in 1973, works to preserve features of historic and public interest, and has two other arms – that of the Leigh Heritage Centre and the 2 Plumbs Yard Project.

The heritage centre is housed in the Old Smithy, which was purchased by the council many years ago, along with other buildings in the area, for development. The Old Smithy, however, fell into disrepair and remained that way until the Leigh Society was set up.

A group of local residents launched the society and a local councillor kept their files in her front room before approaching the council for a lease on a suitable building in 1979.

It was then that a decision was made to save the old Smithy and two cottages and the soci-

ety was given just eight weeks to make it safe.

The Leigh Heritage Centre Limited now maintains the museum in the Old Leigh Conservation Area, which displays a range of different documents, photographs and other items connected with the history of Leigh-on-Sea.

It is a fascinating place to spend some time reading about the area and looking at old photographs of the village. There is also an added bonus through a doorway at the back of the museum, which takes you into a restored fishing cottage.

The cottage is the outcome of the '2 Plumbs Yard Project', which was set up by the society when the council – who owned the cottage – said the society could have the lease if it undertook the restoration work.

But, despite help from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Cory Environmental Trust and the council, it was too late for the building, which collapsed.

The restoration project turned into a rebuilding project that was finally finished in 2007, and recreates the look of the original 1850s cottage.

Heritage centre visitors are welcome to take a tour of the downstairs living quarters and upstairs sleeping area, which both recreate a 19th Century fisherman's cottage.

It includes sights, smells and noises, with household items,



RELAXED: Joseph and Joshua visit Old Leigh.

furniture and artefacts from the period, and even a fishing net slung over the banisters.

As well as the museum and the cottage, there are plenty of other things to see in Old Leigh, from quaint cottages and boats, to other historical sites.

You can pick up a booklet on interesting places in the area from the museum and find out more about Leigh, which was a fishing community for more than a thousand years.

It was of national importance to seafaring and trading between the 14th and 18th Centuries and helped protect the Thames from Dutch, French and Spanish

navies. It was also home to expert seamen, such as the Goodlads, Witakers, Salmons, Rogers and Bonners.

One local man, Richard Haddock, who had 10 captains and two admirals in his family, was knighted by Charles II after the Battle of Sole Bay, and made Commissioner of the Navy.

The area's fishing industry reached its peak in the 18th and 19th Centuries, and its significance as a port declined in the late 19th Century, because the water of Leigh Creek silted up.

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Saturday, September 17

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- Local History Fair, Hadleigh Old Fire Station, 2-5pm, official launch of Hadleigh and Thundersley Community Archive, the website for old and recent local history, featuring old fire engines, Town Crier, old photos, and more, family event, all welcome, free admission.
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- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group needs new members, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
- Southend Chess Club, Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Mondays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.
- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray

01268 777666.

- Come and try Lawn Bowls, VCA Riverview Bowls Club, Mopsies Park, Basildon, beginners very welcome, all equipment supplied, any Monday 5.30-7.30pm, or Tuesday 10am-noon, enquiries Dave Tandy 01268 762754.
- Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293955.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers all at £1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Playaway, Ingaway Chapel, Lee Chapel South, parent and toddler group, Mondays 10.15-11.15am, Thursdays 9.15am and 10.15am, Tanya 01268 413624.
- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club, Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh (opposite, opposite police station), friendly club, all standards welcome, every Monday 7-10pm, £2.50, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, September 20

- Meeting, Laindon and District Horticultural Society, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, Laindon, 'Chrysanthemums', 8pm, visitors £1.50.
- Lunchtime Recorded Music, Committee Room 3, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend, 12.45-1.45pm, Sounds Fantastic presented by John Downer, admission free.
- Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, The Ship, New Road, Old Leigh, 'Open Mic Night' featuring Where's Spot, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesday 9.30am-2pm and Friday 10am-2.30pm.
- Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-noon, with artist Paul Alcock, 01702 615475.
- Singles Social Group, meets The Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.
- Singles Friendship Club for 55s and over, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday, further details Maureen 01268 692998.
- New and Nearly New Stall, outside St

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Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Running and Walking Club, Phoenix Striders, meet 7pm Laindon Community Centre, to leave 7.15pm, every Tuesday and Thursday. 07787 723860.

■ Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm. 01702 230480.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group. Michael 01268 527283.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

■ Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

■ Mum2Mum, Breastfeeding support group, St Michael's Church Annexe, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 10.30am-noon, pregnant mums welcome. 07801 097605.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, St Andrew's Church, London Road, Wickford, Tuesdays 2-4pm, donation £1 to cover refreshments.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, Shoebury Nursery, Delaware Road, Shoebury, Tuesdays 10am-noon. 01702 577744/ 07814 486497.

Wednesday, September 21

■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Ceilidh Club, Riga Music Bar, The Cricketers, London Road, Westcliff, live music from Slow Loris,

8.30pm. 017092 553622.

■ Breast Feeding Support Group, Blenheim Children's Centre, School Way, Leigh, 1-2.30pm, same time as Child Health Clinic, every Wednesday (term-time only).

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-noon, learn to paint and draw with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

■ Salsa, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm, no partner required. 01268 465854.

■ Line Dancing Lesson, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, to raise funds for church hall. 01268 281488.

■ Southend Vox Choir, Temple Sutton School, Southend, every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm, lively, fun choir for adults (18+), call Jo 07969 216366.

■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Rayleigh Country Market, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, every Wednesday 8.30-11.30am.

■ Breastmats, The Cambridge Road Children's Centre, Cambridge Road, Southend, every Wednesday 10am-noon, support for breastfeeding. 07837 236656.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Honeybees, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, High Road, Laindon, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.30am and 10.30am. 01268 449431/07944 983734.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Buttercup Club, Scout Hall, Ellensbrook Close, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

Thursday, September 22

■ Helpdesk Day, Wickford Community Archive Group, creating a website recording the history of the town using local peoples photos and memories, anyone interested in donating information or photos or would just like to see what has been achieved so far

come along to Wickford Library 10am-noon.

■ Learn to Paint Landscapes in Water Colour with Trevor Shaw, for beginners and improvers, in Hadleigh Thursdays 10am-noon, further details 01702 558282.

■ Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1-3pm, learn to paint and draw with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club at Anchor Pub, Benfleet, varied social events, come and make new friends, 8.30pm every Thursday, call Jill 01268 753667.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Dance About, St Mark's Church Hall, Princes Street, Southend, all types of dancing to all sorts of music - use a big space and move, Thursdays 7-8pm, £2.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, further details 01268 465854.

■ Short Mat Bowls every Thursday at Castleview School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island. 7pm start. All welcome. First month free. Call 01268 682193.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Whist Drive, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Marguerite Drive, Leigh, Thursdays 1.45pm, entry £1.20.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

■ Meeting, Billericay Art Club, Church Hall, Great Burstead, 8pm, new members of every ability welcome. 01277 656977.

■ Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, The Hills Children's Centre, British Legion Triangle Building, High Road, Laindon, Thursdays 11.30am-1pm.

Friday, September 23

■ Live Music, Preview Club, upstairs at The Spread Eagle, Victoria Avenue, Prittlewell, Southend, 'Hoot Mago', music starts 8.30pm, entry free for members, life membership £1 on door.

■ Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty Essence Salon, 122 Alderney Garden, Runwell, Wickford, 10am-1pm, £3 per session to cover room hire, tea/coffee provided, all standards welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005.

■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10.15am-12.15pm, beginners weekly watercolour, drawing class, details Teresa Norfolk 01702 307173.

■ Meeting, Southbase, Southend Unitarian Meeting House, Grange Gardens, every Friday 9am-2pm, offering advice and guidance on housing related issues.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Come and try Diving, Gloucester Park Swimming Pool, every Friday 8-10pm, learn to scuba dive, details Paul 07802 643734.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 293794.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Edmunds Hall, St Edmunds Close, (off Pantile Avenue), Southend, Fridays 8pm, healing from 7pm.

■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southern Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.

■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm, all ages and abilities welcome, Derek 01268 772923.

■ Messy Play, The Hills Children's Centre, British Legion Triangle Building, High Road, Laindon, Fridays 9.30-10.45am.

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FORGET your Penn and Tellers – Paul Daniels is without a doubt one of the 20th Century's most successful magicians.

Whether its onstage, on TV or with his famous magic kits, Paul has been entertaining the UK for more than 50 years. And now, the old charmer is planning to embark on a mammoth tour with his wife, Debbie McGee, and son, Martin.

When I catch up with Paul, he's in the middle of a month-long stint at the Edinburgh Festival.

"I'm doing 28 shows and they're going very well," he says. "Much better than I thought they would!"

Paul's gruelling schedule will take him right up until Christmas and is one of the reasons he has had to say 'no' to doing a panto this Christmas.

"Alas, I won't be pulling on the tights this year," he laments. "There'll be lots of disappointed ladies out there."

So what can Paul's loyal fans expect from his new stage show?

"Big tricks, small tricks, fast tricks and slow tricks," he says, cryptically. "It's what the fans like, mixed in with a few other bits and bobs."

"If I leave certain routines out, I actually get letters of complaint! But I always try and plan the show to make sure everyone has a good time. It's a bit like a party."

Paul has always been 'fascinated' by magic and first learned the tricks of the trade at the tender age of 11. But that's not to say that at 73, he isn't still learning.

"I'm always thinking, drawing, designing and doodling," he explains. "I love coming up with new tricks."

Paul's Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow tour will be at Basildon's Towngate Theatre on September 30 (01268 465465), Barking's Broadway Theatre on October 15 (020 8507 5607) and the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch on November 25 (01708 443333).



TALENTED: Magician Paul Daniels will be visiting Essex with his wife, Debbie McGee.



TALK: An Evening With Wayne Sleep @ Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch. Sep 19, £18. 01708 443333



COMEDY: Lee Hurst @ Towngate Theatre, Basildon. Sep 18, £15. 01268 465465



MOD: The Mod All Star Band @ Palace Theatre, Westcliff. Sep 21, from £17.50. 01702 351135

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The establishment, which is run by the Uddin family, aims to ensure diners enjoy top quality food and outstanding service, in comfortable surroundings.

This is achieved thanks to the Uddin family's 30 years of experience in the catering industry, and its talented chefs, who create a wide range of fresh dishes for diners.

The Shadhona, which opened its doors six years ago, is proud of its decor, which is completely different from the usual Indian theme. Its interior, which concentrates on customer comfort, has just been repainted for the benefit of diners,



giving the restaurant a fresher look. It is the ideal setting for a mouth-watering meal, whatever the occasion, whether you want to enjoy a meal with the family, or mark a range of celebrations from birth-days to anniversaries.

Its menu offers a vast choice of dishes, all of which have their own unique tastes thanks to the restaurant's wide range of spices and ingredients.

The restaurant is justly proud of

its popular Tandoori dishes, as well as its range of Chefs Special Recommendations including Rani Chicken, Moducash Murgh, Chicken Monchori, Chicken Nepali, Chicken Silchori and Butter Chicken.

Its Banquet Nights, held every Monday to Wednesday, give diners the ideal opportunity to try its outstanding dishes as they can enjoy anything from its vast menu for just £14.95. Its takeaway service, avail-

able seven days a week with free home delivery, offers the perfect opportunity for customers to enjoy its fine cuisine in their own homes.

The restaurant is able to host charity evenings from Sunday to Thursday, for which it can give 50 per cent of the takings to a charity of your choice.

The Shadhona, which seats up to 70 diners, is fully licensed and air-conditioned with its own car park for customers.

The restaurant is now taking bookings for Christmas for which anyone interested is urged to call for further information and to book early to avoid disappointment.

It is open from noon to 2.30pm seven days a week, as well as from 6pm to 11pm, from Sunday to Thursday, and from 6pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

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Our next event will be a tribute to the Blues Brothers on November 26.

Another popular evening will be its Murder Mystery night on Saturday, October 22, which also costs just £25 and includes a three-course meal and entertainment.

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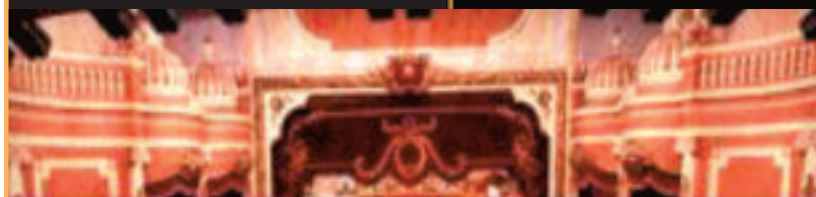
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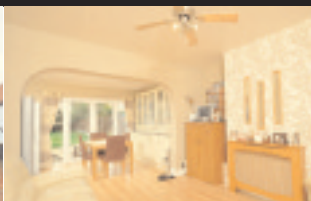
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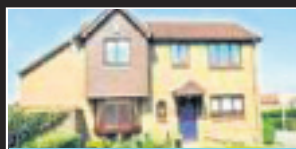
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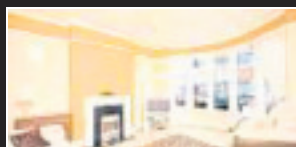
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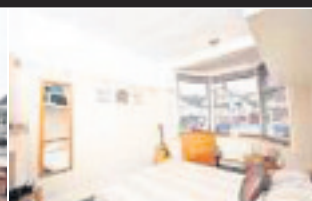
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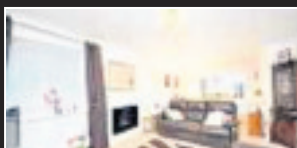
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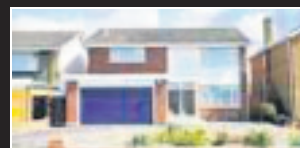
How Many Should I See?

When looking for a property, it is natural to want to see as many as possible before making the "right" choice and common sense dictates that a handful of alternatives should be viewed before buying.

Our job as professional estate agents is to help buyers make decisions that are genuinely in their best interests, which, without our assistance, they might have had difficulty making. So here are some pointers for those buyers who might be struggling to balance the merits of No.33 with its new kitchen against No.16, with the better garden. First, there is a place for instinct and sometimes the heart should be allowed to influence, if not rule, the head. This is a home after all and not a stock-market share. Ask yourself the obvious question, "Could I be happy here?" However, sometimes you need your head to agree with your heart. Is your favoured property a significant improvement on where you already live, or are you just being bowled over by a smart exterior or fashionable lighting?

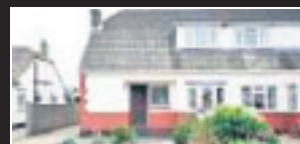
Weigh up the important aspects of life – commuting time, school run, parking, entertaining space (although do you really entertain that much?) Satisfy these first before allowing the view or the extra storage space to sway you away from your reason for moving.

Finally, you can bet your bottom dollar that if you instinctively like a particular house, other buyers will as well. We usually find that a property that fills most people's basic needs, as opposed to their wants, will sell very quickly. The more you see, the more difficult it becomes to make a decision at all. So our advice is: decide your minimum criteria with your head and once these are satisfied in a property, let your heart take it from there. Happy hunting!



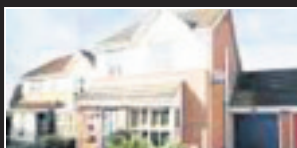
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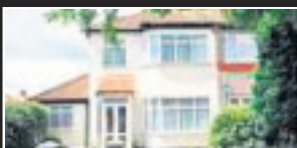
GENEROUS PLOT LEIGH ON SEA £235,000 - £245,000

Situated in this lovely residential road in Eastwood a spacious family home on a generous plot



SOLD IN AUGUST SOUTHEND ON SEA £200,000 O.I.E.O

This modern home in Larke Rise remained unsold for several months with another estate agent! The seller was delighted with the result!



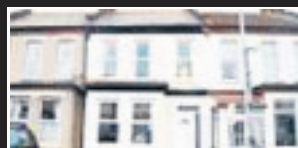
SOLD IN AUGUST SOUTHEND ON SEA £195,000 - £205,000

The property on Bournemouth Park Road was on the market 3.5 Months with another agency. We sold in 16 days!



SOLD IN AUGUST THORPEDENE ESTATE OFFERS ABOVE £325,000

This four bedroom home on Church Road was on the market 4 months with another agency.. We sold in 6 WEEKS!



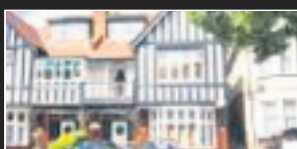
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This 3 bed property in South avenue had tried 2 agencies before instructing Blackshaws, after 212 days on the market.... WE AGREED A SALE IN 2.1 MONTHS!



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This gorgeous chalet bungalow on Birchwood drive had remained un-sold after 265 days with another agent... we sold in 3 weeks!!!



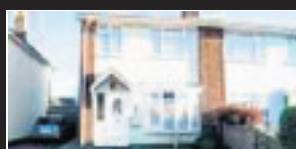
SOLD IN AUGUST WESTCLIFF ON SEA £90,000 OFFERS ABOVE

The flat on Ailsa Road was on the market for 183 days with 2 other agents.... WE SOLD IN 11 DAYS!!!



SOLD IN AUGUST SOUTHEND ON SEA £95,000 - £105,000

This modern flat off Kenway road was on the market for 143 days with a previous agency. WE SOLD IN 22 DAYS!



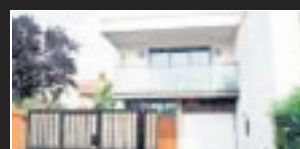
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SOLD IN AUGUST SOUTHEND ON SEA £195,000 - £205,000

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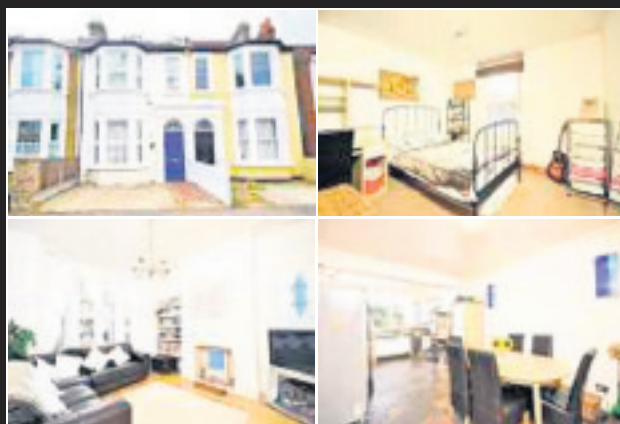
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SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE
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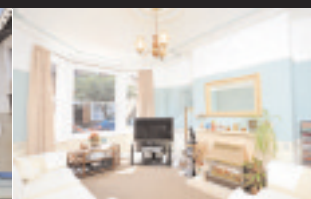
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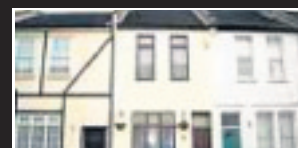
WESTCLIFF ON SEA
£160,000-£170,000

A Handsome Edwardian home offering spacious light-filled rooms and a delightful private rear garden.



SOLD IN AUGUST
THUNDERSLEY
£195,000 - £205,000

We successfully sold this two bed bungalow on Sandown Road. The property was also on the market with agents in Benfleet & Rayleigh!!!



SOLD IN AUGUST
SOUTHCHURCH
OFFERS ABOVE £140,000

The property on Fernbrook Avenue remained unsold with another local agent for 192 days!...We sold in less than half that time!



SOLD IN AUGUST
WESTCLIFF ON SEA
OFFERS ABOVE £175,000

The property on Prince Avenue was on the market last year with another agent which failed to sell. WE AGREED A SALE IN 13 DAYS!



SOLD IN AUGUST
SOUTHEND ON SEA
OFFERS ABOVE £245,000

The property on Hobblythick Lane was also on the market for several months with another agency..... ANOTHER ONE SOLD IN AUGUST!



SOLD IN AUGUST
SOUTHCHURCH PARK
£249,995

We won instructions to sell this four bedroom property on Brunswick Road... WE SOLD IN ONE WEEK!

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DAWS HEATH £335,000

- * Sought after Daws Heath location
- * Backs directly onto farm fields
- * Substantial and character family home
- * 25 x 22ft lounge/diner
- * 17ft kitchen/breakfast room
- * Ground floor bathroom

- * Ground floor Bed 4 (formerly garage)
- * 3 first floor bedrooms
- * En-suite bathroom to Bedroom 1
- * 2 balconies to rear
- * South facing rear garden



NEW PRICE
SOLE AGENTS



HADLEIGH £449,950

- * Substantial executive family home
- * Uninterrupted farmland views
- * Dual aspect dining room
- * Luxury kitchen/breakfast room with separate utility room
- * Dual aspect lounge overlooking garden and fields
- * Study

- * Four double bedrooms
- * Master bedroom with own balcony, dressing room and en-suite
- * Separate family bathroom
- * Ground floor cloakroom
- * Located in King John School catchment area



NEW PRICE
SOLE AGENTS



SOUTHEND £149,995

- * Located in the heart of Southchurch Village
- * Three/four bedroom terraced house
- * Lounge with feature fireplace & bay window
- * Dining room/bedroom 4

- * Spacious kitchen/diner/conservatory
- * Modern three piece shower room
- * Courtyard style rear garden



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THUNDERSLEY £220,000

- * Located in a highly regarded tree lined turning
- * King John school catchment
- * Bright & spacious extended semi detached house
- * Three bedrooms
- * Lounge with feature fireplace
- * Extended separate dining/sitting room

- * Modern kitchen
- * Separate utility room
- * Ground floor cloakroom
- * West facing rear garden
- * Detached garage with long independent driveway
- * Vacant possession



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NEW PRICE
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DAWS HEATH £205,000

- * Nestling in the heart of "Daws Heath" adjacent & backing farmland
- * "Turn of the Century" cottage
- * Two reception rooms
- * Modern fitted kitchen
- * Upgraded ground floor shower room
- * Multi aspect conservatory to side

- * Two double bedrooms
- * Approx. 100' to 120' rear garden
- * Large summerhouse to rear
- * Upgraded central heating
- * Off street parking for 2 cars



NEW ON
MARKET
SOLE AGENTS



THUNDERSLEY £275,000

- * A cleverly extended four bedroom house
- * Sought after location backing onto woodland
- * 30 ft lounge/diner with doors to rear garden
- * Spacious kitchen/breakfast room
- * Separate utility room

- * Ground floor cloakroom
- * Study/Sitting Room
- * Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- * Four piece family bathroom including jacuzzi bath
- * Rear garden with gate leading into woodland



NEW PRICE
SOLE AGENTS



HADLEIGH £275,000

- * Walking distance to Hadleigh town centre
- * King John school catchment
- * Three/four bedroom detached bungalow
- * Spacious & modern kitchen with integrated appliances
- * Utility room

- * En-suite to master bedroom
- * 3pce bathroom/wet room
- * 26' x 17' lounge with double glazed french doors to garden
- * 80' rear garden
- * Independent driveway which leads to garage



SOLE
AGENTS



THUNDERSLEY £176,995

- * Located in quiet & established residential turning
- * Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- * Lounge
- * 3pce bathroom
- * Fitted kitchen
- * Conservatory/lean to

- * 55' rear garden
- * Detached garage with independent driveway
- * UPVC double glazing
- * Does require general redecorating & modernisation
- * Vacant possession



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NEW
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THUNDERSLEY £1,295 pcm

- * Large Four Bedroom Detached House
- * Fitted Kitchen with double oven
- * Lounge, Dining Room and Study
- * Utility Room
- * Large L shaped Conservatory
- * Master Bedroom with En Suite

NEW
INSTRUCTION



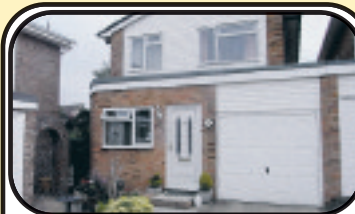
LEIGH ON SEA £825 pcm

- * Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- * Fitted kitchen with oven and washing machine
- * Double glazed throughout



HADLEIGH £895 pcm

- * Two bedroom mid terrace house
- * Large lounge/diner with fireplace
- * Fitted kitchen with white goods



BENFLEET £1,095 pcm

- * Extended four bedroom detached house
- * Large fitted kitchen/diner with range cooker
- * Large lounge with patio doors



HULLBRIDGE £775 pcm

- * Two bedroom flat
- * Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- * FIRST 2 WEEKS RENT FREE !!!!



BENFLEET £1,300 pcm

- * Four bedroom detached house
- * Mst bedroom with ensuite and balcony
- * Large lounge with conservatory
- * Converted garage used as games room
- * Fitted kitchen/diner with range cooker
- * Working tenants only - No pets allowed



HADLEIGH £950 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi detached house
- * Bathroom with shower cubicle
- * Lounge/diner with fireplace and french doors
- * Off street parking and garage
- * Two double bedrooms and one good size single
- * Available now

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£279,995 CANVEY ISLAND
WOW, WOW, WOW.....Definitely have a look at this Larger than average Four Bedroom Detached Family Home located in the ever sought after Castle View area of the Island.



£179,950 CANVEY ISLAND
FIRST CLASS!! NO ONWARD CHAIN!! Viewing this 'show home' standard Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow should be a priority. Offering modern decor, bathroom and kitchen the property is located in a popular part of the Island close to Tewkes Creek.



£199,995 CANVEY ISLAND
Viewing this very large Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow should be an absolute priority. Located on the West of the Island the property is offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN, double glazing, central heating, three double bedrooms, en suite bathroom to master bedroom and kitchen/diner.



£219,995 CANVEY ISLAND
DON'T MISS OUT....Excellent value for money and offering NO ONWARD CHAIN is this desirable FOUR bedroom detached house with a larger than average rear garden. Off of Craven Avenue within easy walking distance to Jones's Corner and with the seafront. Great Value!



£179,995 CANVEY ISLAND
Well presented THREE bedroom semi detached family home with a large main bedroom with built in wardrobes and two further good size bedrooms. The family bathroom has been modernised to include attractive tiling.



£190,000 CANVEY ISLAND
Guide price £190,000-£200,000. Situated in the popular area of Leigh Beck is this larger than average Three bedroom Detached House with garage.

Rayleigh

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£229,995 Rayleigh
Quirks of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this delightful three bedroom 1930's semi-detached house situated on this popular road featuring OFF STREET PARKING FOR 3 CARS, GARAGE, APPROX 120FT REAR GARDEN, DINING ROOM and OFFERED CHAIN FREE within easy walking distance to Rayleigh town centre and mainline railway station.



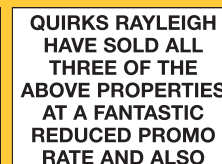
£375,000 Hawkwell
QUIRKS RAYLEIGH SOLD THIS PROPERTY IN 3 WEEKS AND SAVED THE OWNER EXPENSIVE VAT CHARGES! CALL US NOW TO GET YOUR PROPERTY SOLD!



£355,000 Rayleigh
Located in a sought after location convenient for the main line station is this 4 bed property including a master bedroom with ensuite to the first floor, large ground floor rooms and large rear garden measuring approx. 180ft in length. The property is in good order and benefits from replaced kitchen and bathroom.



Or near offer £227,000 Rayleigh
Situating close to Rayleigh high street is this 3 bedroom semi-detached chalet property benefitting from accommodation including lounge 13' x 11'10", kitchen 9'1" x 7'9", large conservatory 22'10" x 9', bedroom 1 15'4" x 10'7", bedroom 2 12' x 10', bedroom 3 10' x 7'10" with garden to rear.



QUIRKS RAYLEIGH HAVE SOLD ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE PROPERTIES AT A FANTASTIC REDUCED PROMO RATE AND ALSO SAVED THE OWNERS EXPENSIVE 20% VAT CHARGES. CALL NOW TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU COULD SAVE!!



£174,995 Eastwood
Superb semi-detached character property with 70 Ft+ Rear Garden. No Onward chain. Lounge 20' x 11', 2 double bedrooms and refitted bathroom, attractive kitchen, viewing strongly recommended.

Benfleet

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£239,950 HADLEIGH
As the Vendor's Sole Agent we are pleased to offer For Sale this Deceptively Spacious Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow located in the very popular Westwood Area of Hadleigh.



£124,950 LEIGH ON SEA
Anthony Quirk are delighted to offer for sale this Lovely and Well Presented One Bedroom First Floor Flat located in a quiet part of the Leigh/Eastwood area.



£215,000 BENFLEET
We are pleased to offer for sale this Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow which is in need of Refurbishment or does have planning to develop the site with a pair of Semi-Detached Houses.



£249,950 BASILDON
Anthony Quirk are delighted to offer For Sale as the vendor's Sole Agent this Beautifully well presented Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House located in the most sought after 'Birds Area' of Kingswood.

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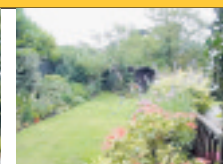
£360,000 Or near offer Rayleigh
3 bedroom detached character chalet benefitting from 100ft rear garden includes lounge 13'4" x 12'6", study/bedroom 3 11' x 10'10", dining room 14'10" x 8, kitchen 10'6" x 7'6", ground floor shower room with separate WC. 2 further first floor bedrooms and dressing room.



£289,995 Eastview
CHAIN FREE: 2 bedroom detached bungalow situated in this quiet and popular location with easy access of local shops. 17" x 12" Lounge, kitchen, shower room, 2 double bedrooms.



£425,000
Stunning Grade 2 listed detached property. Full of character through-out, the cottage boasts 4 Bedrooms on the first floor with two reception rooms and cloakroom on the ground floor. Further benefits include Very large garden detached garage. Located in a central position, within walking distance of Hockley village and main line railway station we would recommend an internal viewing.



Hockley

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£895 pcm CANVEY ISLAND
Anthony Quirk Lettings department are pleased to offer this spacious family size THREE bedroom end of terrace house on the 'Lawrence Homes' estate.



£875 pcm CANVEY ISLAND
THREE bedroom terraced house available to rent end of September!



£575 pcm CANVEY ISLAND
An truly excellent one bedroom ground floor flat being presented to a very impressive standard.

Lettings

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£1,000 pcm Rayleigh
High quality, good size 3 bedroom detached modern house situated in a sought after road within very close proximity of the Train Station. Own Drive to Garage, Lounge and Dining Area. Kitchen and Utility Room. recently fitted Bathroom. Neat secluded Rear Garden



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£625 pcm Rayleigh
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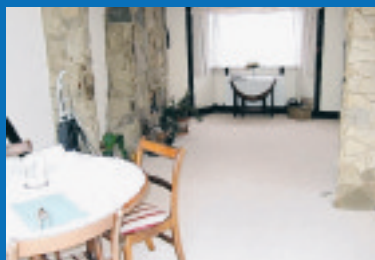
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LEIGH ON SEA

4 BEDROOMS

£1,050 PCM

- 4 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- OPEN PLAN DINING ROOM/LOUNGE
- FULLY FITTED KITCHEN
- LARGE GARDEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF STREET PARKING FOR 2 CARS



SOUTHEND ON SEA

4 BEDROOMS £975 PCM

- POTENTIALLY 4 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN DINER WITH APPLIANCES
- SEAFRONT LOCATION
- BATHROOM WITH ROLL TOP BATH
- WOODEN FLOORING THROUGHOUT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING



LEIGH ON SEA

3 BEDROOMS £900 PCM

- FIRST FLOOR MAISONETTE
- 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- COMPLETELY REFURBISHED FLAT IS AS NEW
- NEW KITCHEN WITH COOKER
- 2 NEW BATHROOMS
- SUPERB LOUNGE
- TWO NEW BATHROOMS



SOUTHEND ON SEA

3 BEDROOMS £895 PCM

- TERRACED HOUSE
- 3 GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- FITTED KITCHEN
- SOUTH FACING GARDEN



THORPE BAY

3 BEDROOMS £800 PCM

- SPLIT LEVEL MAISONETTE
- 3 GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- BALCONY
- FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN
- SUPERB BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GARAGE AND PARKING



BENFLEET

2 BEDROOMS £800 PCM

- 2 BED BUNGALOW
- FULLY FURNISHED
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GOOD LOCATION
- LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN



RAYLEIGH

2 BEDROOMS £795 PCM

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- CLOSE TO RAYLEIGH TRAIN STATION
- 2 BATHROOMS
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SUPERB LOUNGE
- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES



SOUTHEND ON SEA

2 BEDROOMS £725 PCM

- 2 BED FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- FULLY DOUBLE GLAZED
- LARGE LOUNGE



SOUTHEND ON SEA

2 BEDROOMS £650 PCM

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- 2 BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- LARGE LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- CLOSE LOCAL AMENITIES



SOUTHEND ON SEA

1 BEDROOM £595 PCM

- SIXTH FLOOR APARTMENT
- ONE LARGE BEDROOM
- OPEN PLAN LIVING AREA
- SUPERB FULLY FITTED KITCHEN
- COMMUNAL ENTRY WITH LIFT
- PRIVATE PARKING



EASTWOOD

1 BEDROOM £525 PCM

- GROUND FLOOR FLAT FULLY REFURBISHED
- BRAND NEW KITCHEN
- NEW CARPETS
- BRAND NEW BATHROOM
- NO PETS - NO DSS
- NO SMOKERS



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1 BEDROOM £500 PCM

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- 1 DOUBLE BEDROOM
- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- LARGE LOUNGE



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

1 BEDROOM £500 PCM

- 1 DOUBLE BEDROOM
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/LOUNGE
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- CLOSE STATION AND AMENITIES



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LEIGH ON SEA

3 BEDROOMS

£379,995

- SOUTH OF THE LONDON ROAD
- DETACHED HOUSE
- 3 BEDROOMS
- FABULOUS KITCHEN/DINER
- OFF STREET PARKING
- WEST FACING GARDEN



THORPE BAY

6 BEDROOMS £549,995

- SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- 6 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN WITH UTILITY ROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- DELIGHTFUL WEST BACKING GARDEN



SOUTHEND ON SEA

4 BEDROOMS £199,995

- MID TERRACED HOUSE
- 4 GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- DOUBLE GLAZED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND
- TRAIN STATION
- AWARD WINNING GARDEN



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

2 BEDROOMS £172,000

- STUNNING TOP FLOOR APARTMENT
- 2 BEDROOMS
- SUPERB BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- DINING ROOM WITH PANORAMIC SEA VIEWS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

1 BEDROOM £137,995

- FIRST FLOOR RETIREMENT FLAT
- BEDROOM WITH FITTED WARDROBES
- SUPERB BALCONY
- NEWLY DECORATED
- COMMUNAL LOUNGE AND KITCHEN
- NO ONWARD CHAIN



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

2 BEDROOMS £137,500

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GOOD SIZED ACCOMMODATION
- PRIVATE GARDEN
- CLOSE TO WESTCLIFF TRAIN STATION
- NO ONWARD CHAIN



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

3 BEDROOMS £134,995

- MAISONETTE
- 3 BEDROOMS
- LARGE LOUNGE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- SUPERB KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- SHARED GARDEN



ROCHFORD

2 BEDROOMS £134,995

- MODERN DEVELOPMENT
- 2 BEDROOMS
- GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- KITCHEN WITH INTEGRATED APPLIANCES
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- VACANT POSSESSION



ROCHFORD

2 BEDROOMS £134,995

- FULLY FURNISHED
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE/KITCHEN
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- ALLOCATED PARKING



LEIGH ON SEA

1 BEDROOM £132,500

- PURPOSE BUILT GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- ONE BEDROOM
- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- ALLOCATED OFF STREET PARKING
- SUPERB LOCATION
- NO ONWARD CHAIN



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

2 BEDROOMS £124,995

- GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- PART DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- OWN REAR GARDEN
- ALLOCATED PARKING



WESTCLIFF ON SEA

2 BEDROOMS £119,995

- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- WET ROOM WITH WALK IN SHOWER
- FULLY DOUBLE GLAZED
- LEASE LENGTH OF 154 YEARS
- LOW MAINTENANCE AND GROUND RENT CHARGES



ROCHFORD

1 BEDROOM £114,995

- PURPOSE BUILT GROUND FLOOR FLAT
- 1 DOUBLE BEDROOM
- GOOD SIZE LOUNGE
- MODERN BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- COMMUNAL PARKING
- COMMUNAL GARDENS



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Eastwood - £242,500

Positioned on a bold corner plot is this 3 bedroom detached chalet. With 22ft detached garage and parking to rear.



Eastwood - £209,995

3 Bedroom semi detached character property, with larger than average frontage. Extended to rear.



Eastwood - £249,995

Extremely spacious 2/3 bedroom Detached cottage, with off street parking. Close to local shops and public transport.



Eastwood - £179,995

Great value for money is this 3 bed semi-detached house. With good size accommodation, garage & driveway.



Eastwood - £224,995

Immaculate 3 bedroom character family home, with modern bathroom, kitchen and decor throughout. Viewing a must!



Eastwood - £207,500

Positioned on a bold corner plot is this 2 bedroom spacious detached bungalow detached garage and parking to rear.



Eastwood - O.I.E.O £185,000

Situated in a pleasant no through road, is this 2 double bedroom semi chalet. Detached garage and large driveway.



Eastwood - £194,995

3 bedroom chalet with lounge and separate dining room. Modern kitchen. Large block paved driveway.



Eastwood - £249,995

Extremely spacious 3 bedroom character home. In need of some updating. NO CHAIN. KEYS HELD.



Leigh-on-Sea - OIE - £155,000

Light and spacious first floor 2 bed apartment Modern development - Impressive decor throughout with allocated parking



Eastwood - £349,995

Situated in one of the most desirable roads in Eastwood, is this 3 bed detached family home. Large living accommodation.



Eastwood - £242,500

Offering huge accommodation is this 4 bedroom DETACHED. 100ft rear garden. An absolute must view!

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Bowers Gifford - O.I.E.O £500,000

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Southend - £199,995

Spacious 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow Being much improved by the current vendor Modern kitchen, bathroom and decor.



Southend-on-Sea - £199,995

WILDLIFE ENTHUSIAST'S DREAM! 4 bed house, 2 reception rooms, an award winning south backing mature garden.



Benfleet - Offers in excess of £195,000

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A One (previously two bedroom bungalow) chalet style bungalow offering spacious accommodation comprising a 20'9 lounge / diner, 20'11 kitchen / diner, low maintenance rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing and off road parking.

Ashingdon

£199,995



IOPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2011 BETWEEN 12 NOON TILL 13.00 PM, 268 ASHINGDON ROAD, ROCHFORD, ESSEX. SS4 1TQII
A four bedroom detached chalet located in a convenient location, close to shops and transport links, the property is need of some modernisation and benefits from garage and off road parking, 23'4 Lounge, 19'8 x 16'5 Master bedroom, family bathroom 12'6 x 9'3 and ground floor cloakroom

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£219,995



IOPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2011 BETWEEN 14.00PM TILL 15.00 PM, 12 PRINCESS GARDENS, ASHINGDON, ESSEX. SS4 3BLII
This fully refurbished three bedroom semi detached bungalow has the advantage of a new modern fitted kitchen and bathroom and a 25' conservatory/sun lounge. The property further benefits a good sized rear garden, off street parking for two/three vehicles and newly fitted carpets throughout. Situated in a sought after location and offered with no onward chain.

Ashingdon

£172,500



A well maintained two bedroom house located in a popular location, benefitting from OFF ROAD PARKING AND GARAGE, a 15'3 fitted kitchen / diner, 15'3 Lounge, modern bathroom suite, well tendered rear garden, viewing advised. SOLE AGENTS.

Southend On Sea

£169,995



A well maintained and improved three bedroom family home set within local school catchment areas, the property benefits from two reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, double glazing, bathroom and separate WC, off road parking and low maintenance rear garden.

Rochford

£234,995



An extended three / four bedroom semi detached house situated on a large plot with a rear garden measuring approximately 130ft. The property benefits from a double garage, two reception rooms, 20'6 kitchen / diner, utility room, ground floor cloakroom, loft room, off road parking and is offered with no onward chain.

Rochford

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Two bedrooms
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Rochford

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en suite to master
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Three reception rooms

Rochford

£650 pcm



Two bedrooms
Semi detached
Bungalow
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Gas central heating

SOLE AGENTS



Rayleigh £202,500

Located close to Rayleigh mainline train station Norton properties offer this two bedroom end of terraced house located on the popular Birds Estate. Property has a lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom, lawned garden, parking and offers no onward chain.



SOLE AGENTS



The Garrison £194,950

A superb contemporary two bedroom first floor apartment on the ever popular Garrison development. The apartments accommodation comprises of en-suite shower room to master bedroom, modern fitted bathroom, lounge/diner which is open plan to a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, parking and within easy access of the seafront and train station.

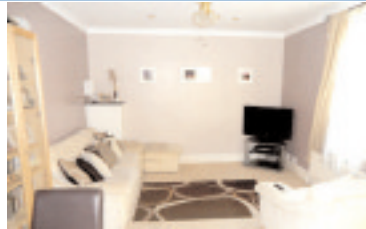


SOLE AGENTS



Westcliff £104,905

Norton properties are pleased to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat with own section of garden and entrance door, utility area and off street parking and located within easy access of local shops in hamlet Crt Rd, Westcliff beach and promenade.



SOLE AGENTS



Southchuch £159,995

Norton properties are pleased to bring to the market this four bedroom, two reception maisonette in a detached property with the shared freehold. The property has a fitted kitchen, bathroom its own entrance door, small garden and is located within easy access of local shops in Southchurch road or Waitrose superstore.

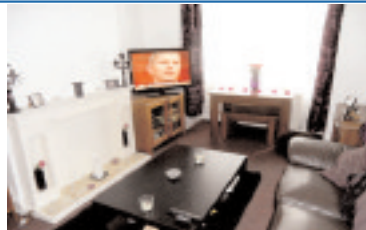


CLOSE TO CHALKWELL PARK



Westcliff £85,000

Located in Westcliff Norton properties offer this one bedroom ground floor flat with garden. The property has a lounge, kitchen, bathroom and is located within easy access of Chalkwell park.



NO ONWARD CHAIN



SOLD PRIOR TO PUBLICATION

Southend £109,905

Offering no onward chain Norton properties bring to the market this vacant two bedroom ground floor flat situated in a purpose built block. The property has security entry system, communal garden to the rear and communal parking.



FREEHOLD AVAILABLE



Southend £89,995

Located within easy access of Southend town centre and the seafront Norton properties are pleased to offer this one bedroom first floor flat. The flat has a security entry system, no onward chain, fitted kitchen and three piece bathroom suite



NO ONWARD CHAIN



SOLD PRIOR TO PUBLICATION

Thorpebay £275,000

Located within easy access of Thorpebay Broadway, golf club and station Norton properties offer this two bedroom detached bungalow located in the Bournes green catchment area. The property offers no onward chain, three receptions, garage and driveway



GARAGE & GARDEN



Southend £99,995

Located just off Southchurch Road Norton properties bring to the market this one bedroom ground floor flat with garage, the property is also located close to local shops and Southend east train station for trains to London Fenchurch Street.



Prittlewell £850 pcm

Located close to Prittlewell station Norton properties offer this three bedroom end of terraced house with Kitchen, Lounge to rear with patio doors to garden. Garage & parking to rear and landlord is looking for working tenants possibly Housing Allowance with guarantor.

TO LET



Great Wakering £1,200 pcm

Just off the High Street we offer this four bedroom detached house that has a fitted kitchen, cloakroom, two receptions. We have keys available for viewing and the property has a garage and parking as well as garden with decking.



Rayleigh £750 pcm

Located in a popular part of Rayleigh Norton properties offer for let this two bedroom flat which has a modern fitted kitchen, Entryphone system, Lounge/diner, allocated parking and roof garden. Working tenants only.



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NEW INSTRUCTION



SHOEBURYNES £198,000

* ATTRACTIVE AND WELL PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION * Three bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen/ Diner * Shower room * Garden * Garage * Parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4492

NEW INSTRUCTION



SHOEBURYNES £117,995

* DELIGHTFUL STARTER HOME IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE OR FOR INVESTMENT * One double bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Newly fitted bathroom * Garden * Off street parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * No onward chain * Ref:ETS4495

NEW INSTRUCTION



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £209,995

* DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FAMILY TERRACED HOUSE CONVENIENTLY SITUATED CLOSE TO WESTCLIFF STATION * The accommodation is in need of some modernisation * Four bedrooms * Three reception rooms * Kitchen * Balcony * Bathroom * Ground floor wc * Garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating to ground floor * Night storage heating to first floor * Ref: ETS4493

NEW INSTRUCTION



ASHINGDON £225,000

* ATTRACTIVE SEMI DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW WHICH ENJOYS A SEMI RURAL LOCATION AND APPROX 160FT GARDEN * Two bedrooms * Lounge / Dining room * Kitchen * Utility room * Study * Bathroom * Garden * Off street parking for more than one car * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4494

NEW PRICE



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £199,995

* SEMI DETACHED CHARACTER FAMILY HOUSE CONVENIENTLY SITUATED FOR SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE AND MAINLINE STATIONS * Three bedrooms * Lounge * Dining room * Modern fitted kitchen * Bathroom/wc * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Well maintained garden * Off street parking * Ref: ETS4484

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £495 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND EAST MAINLINE STATION
* One double bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Off street parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1247

NEW INSTRUCTION

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £575 pcm

* GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CENTRAL TOWN LOCATION * Two bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen with integrated oven * Bathroom * Gas central heating * Direct access to garden * Unfurnished * Convenient for mainline stations * Ref: R383

CONVENIENT FOR HOSPITAL

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £575 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL AMENITIES & SOUTHEND HOSPITAL * Two bedrooms * Good sized lounge * Modern fitted kitchen with integrated cooker * Double glazing * Bathroom * Unfurnished * Ref: R1709

CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £595 pcm

* SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO WESTCLIFF STATION AND SEAFRONT * Two double bedrooms * One single bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1677

NEW INSTRUCTION

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £650 pcm

* VERY SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR FLAT WITH EASY ACCESS TO LOCAL BUS ROUTES AND SHOPS * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Own Garden * Newly installed double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R702

THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £675 pcm

* EXTREMELY SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO PRITTLEWELL MAINLINE STATION AND LOCAL SHOPS * Three double bedrooms * Lounge * Modern fitted kitchen * Balcony & stairs leading to rear garden * Bathroom with separate WC * Gas central heating * Double glazing * Off street parking * Unfurnished * Ref: R682

POPULAR LOCATION

PRITTLEWELL £795 pcm

* ATTRACTIVE SEMI DETACHED HOUSE ENJOYING A POPULAR LOCATION CLOSE TO PRITTLEWELL MAINLINE STATION AND PRIORY PARK * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Dining room * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garden * Some double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1713

NEW INSTRUCTION

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £800 pcm

* SPACIOUS FAMILY TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENTLY SITUATED FOR LOCAL BUS ROUTES AND AMENITIES * Three double bedrooms * Through lounge/diner * Large kitchen/breakfast room * Bathroom * Courtyard garden * Mostly double glazed * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1225

NEW INSTRUCTION

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £825 pcm

* SPACIOUS FAMILY HOUSE IN CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR HAMLET COURT ROAD AND BUS ROUTES * Three double bedrooms * Two Reception rooms * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1676

RECENTLY REFURBISHED

PRITTLEWELL £995 pcm

* RECENTLY REDECORATED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN THE VERY SOUGHT AFTER AREA ON THE EARLS HALL ESTATE * Two double bedrooms * One single bedroom * Lounge/ Diner * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garden * Garage * Off street parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R462

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Thundersley £190,000

Three Bedroom End Terrace Family Home - Lounge 14'5 x 14'3 - Dining Room 9'6 x 7'9 - Kitchen 9'11 x 6'7 - Bedroom One 13'10 x 8'6 - Bedroom Two 9'2 x 8'3 - Bedroom Three 7'6 x 6'0 - Family Bathroom Suite - Popular Location - Easy Access Of Thundersley Village - Easy Access Of Local Schools - Garage To Rear With Further Parking - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Leigh-on-Sea £275,000

Attractive Character Three Bedroom Semi Detached House - Lounge 16'0 x 11'6 - Dining Room 12'9 x 11'5 - Kitchen 8'10 x 7'7 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 16'1 x 10'4 - Bedroom Two 12'9 x 10'4 - Bedroom Three 9'3 x 7'7 - First Floor Shower Room - Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating - Garage 15'6 x 8'4 - Large Rear Garden - Competitively Priced - Ideal Location - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley £175,000

Spacious Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Garage 20'0 x 9'1 & Driveway - Lounge 14'7 < 23'10 x 9'0 - Kitchen/Diner 17'3 x 9'1 - Bedroom One 15'8 x 11'8 - Bedroom Two 10'4 x 9'4 - Family Bathroom Suite - Gas Central Heating Via Worcester Combination Boiler - Part Double Glazing - Vacant - Keys Held For Accompanied Viewings - Convenient Location - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Benfleet Guide Price £210,000 - £215,000

Four Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet - Lounge 13'4 x 11'6 - Dining Room 15'2 x 8'5 - Kitchen 12'0 x 6'9 - Conservatory/Sun Lounge 19'9 x 7'10 - Bedroom One 14'0 x 9'7 - Bedroom Two 10'8 x 7'8 - Bedroom Three 10'4 x 6'0 - Ground Floor Bedroom Four 13'3 x 9'0 - Ground Floor Bathroom - First Floor En-suite Shower Room - Sole Agents - Vacant - Keys Held For Accompanied Viewings - Popular Location - Large Rear Garden - Off Street Parking

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Hadleigh £145,000

One Bedroom Purpose Built Retirement Apartment - Lounge 15'2 x 10'6 - Kitchen 8'7 x 6'2 - Bedroom 11'4 x 9'9 - UPVC Double Glazed Throughout - Economy 10 Heating - 24 Hour Care line Facility - Popular And Sought After Development - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley Guide Price £180,000 - £185,000

Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House - Lounge 14'9 > 11'5 x 14'3 - Dining Room 9'10 x 7'9 - Kitchen 9'11 x 6'9 - Bedroom One 13'8 x 8'5 With Built In Wardrobes - Bedroom Two 9'2 x 8'4 - Bedroom Three 7'7 x 6'6 - Modern Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Easy Access Of Thundersley Village - Garage - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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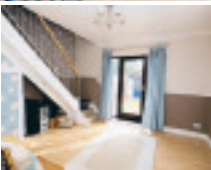
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Daws Heath, Hadleigh £210,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Extremely Sought After Cul De Sac Location - Lounge - Kitchen - Dining Area - Bedroom One - Bedroom Two - Bedroom Three - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden - Easy Access Of Local Woodland - Off Street Parking - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Open House. Westminster Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea Guide Price £175,000 - £185,000

Open House: Saturday 17th September. 11am - 2.00pm. 90a Westminster Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. SS0 9SG. Just Turn Up To View. Two Bedroom Detached House - Convenient Location - Lounge 13'4 x 10'8 - Dining Room 15'11 x 7'3 - Kitchen 17'8 x 5'7 - Bedroom One 11'2 x 10'8 - Bedroom Two 10'1 x 9'9 - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Rear Garden & Large Storage Shed - Off Street Parking - Easy Access Of London Road, Chalkwell Park And Local Schools - Sole Agents - No Onward Chain - Viewing Advised

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Rayleigh £250,000

A three bedroom detached house in sought after residential location within the popular Fitzwimarc and Grovewood Junior school catchment area. The property benefits from garage and independent driveway providing off street parking. Must be viewed to avoid disappointment.

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Rayleigh £209,995

Attractive two bedroom semi detached bungalow positioned within sought after location close to local shops, Rayleigh High Street, Grove Wood School and local Countryside. The bungalow is very well decorated and offered for sale with no onward chain.

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Rayleigh £187,500

A spacious two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated within a sought after cul-de-sac position. The property offers spacious well planned living accommodation benefitting from 20ft lounge, good size kitchen, attractive rear garden, bathroom and separate WC, ample off street parking and garage.

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Rayleigh £249,995



An extremely attractive three bedroom end terrace family house situated opposite open farmland with the benefit of 7 years approx remaining on the original NHBC Protection Certificate. The property affords deceptively spacious beautifully appointed family accommodation with the emphasis on elegant luxury living incorporating.

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Leigh On Sea £875 pcm

Totally refurbished two bedroom semi detached bungalow located upon the ever popular Belfairs Estate close to local shopping centre and Belfairs Park. The property benefits from having a detached garage & easy maintained rear garden.

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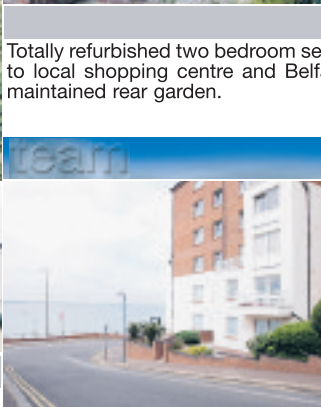
Hadleigh £1,100 pcm

Deceptively spacious five bedroom detached family home which benefits from a lounge, dining room, further reception room, kitchen, utility room and cloakroom to the ground floor. To the first floor are five bedrooms and a three piece suite. Externally the property benefits from a rear garden with a paved patio area across the rear and the rest being laid to lawn, front garden provides off street parking and an integral garage.

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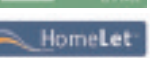
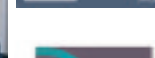
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Westcliff On Sea £525 pcm

Well maintained one bedroom ground floor retirement apartment benefiting from having views over the Thames Estuary towards Kent coast, good sized accommodation, communal areas, gardens, parking & fitness suite. Viewings thoroughly recommended.

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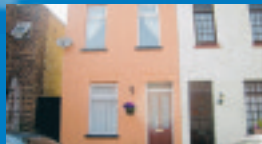
SOUTHCHURCH PARK £250,000

FAVOURABLE LOCATION... Close to Southchurch Park and seafront etc, superb four bedroom semi det house. 80'0 garden, fitted kitchen, double glazing, gas central heating, off street parking. Early viewing strongly advised. Ref: ebe2824



SOUTHCHURCH PARK £199,995

CLOSE TO PARK, SEAFRONT, STATION ETC.... Well equipped 3 bedroom, 2 reception family house. Double glazing, gas central heating, fitted kitchen, huge bathroom, west backing garden. 25'0 lounge and separate dining room. Ref: ebe2833



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £149,995

COSY COTTAGE.. In favoured Village area, close to station and shops, a 2 double bedrooms, 2 reception much improved end terrace house. Good decor. Excellent first home at a sensible price. Early viewing advised. REDUCED. Ref: ebe2793



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £144,995

BIT OF A BARGAIN.... In favoured Southchurch Village, close to shops, station etc, two double bedroom cottage with double glazing, gas central heating, good decorative order. Ideal first purchase or investment. Ref: ebe2759



SOUTHEND £144,950

PLENTY OF POTENTIAL... Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 reception family house close to town centre, stations and facilities. South backing garden. Double glazing. gas central heating. Requires some updating/tidying. For quick sale only. Re: ebe2830



SHOEBURY £119,995

VERY TIDY TERRACED.. Much improved throughout, backing south. Double glazing, gas central heating, tiled bathroom/wc, two double bedrooms. Walk to station, shops, No onward chain. Fantastic value. Must be viewed. Ref: ebe2764



SOUTHEND £93,995

PURPOSE BUILT APARTMENT... Sensibly priced ground floor one bedroom apartment in popular block, with allocated parking, gas central heating, double glazing. Good order. Excellent first purchase or buy to let investment. Ref: ebe2821



SOUTHEND £81,995

WITH SHARE OF FREEHOLD... Close to seafront and town centre, spacious one bedroom first floor flat. No onward chain. Requires a little tidying. Good buy to let investment. No onward chain. ref: ebe2832



SOUTHEND £76,000

IDEAL INVESTMENT... With 50% ownership of freehold, spacious ground floor one double bedroom / two reception room flat. Very close to seafront. Gas central heating, double glazing, own garden, no onward chain. Ref: ebe2799



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- Superb Family Bathroom
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Ashingdon £235,000



- Excellent condition
- Spacious Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Victorian style Conservatory
- Dining Room/Bedroom 2
- Luxury Shower Room
- Delightful secluded garden

Ref: ESH1470

Hockley

£475,000



- Sought-after location
- Four bedrooms
- Ground floor shower room
- Family bathroom
- Three reception rooms

- Fitted kitchen
- Long secluded garden
- Utility room
- Attached garage

Ref: ESH1478

Hockley £485,000



- Close to village & station
- 3 Large Reception Rooms
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 2 En-suites & Dressing Room
- Ground floor cloakroom
- New Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Luxury Split level Bathroom
- Approx 100' Established Garden
- No onward chain

Ref: ESH1469

Ashingdon £235,000



- Built in the year 2000
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- En-suite shower room
- Fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom suite
- Conservatory
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Delightful secluded garden

Ref: ESH1477

Hockley £194,995



- Close to station
- Three bedrooms
- Through lounge/diner
- Spacious bathroom
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Gas central heating
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Secluded garden
- Ideal first purchase

Ref: ESH1481

Ashingdon £224,950



- Extended accommodation
- Through lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower
- Family bathroom suite
- 80' secluded garden

Ref: ESH1475

Hawkwell £530,000



- Built 2011 to Excellent Spec.
- 2 Large Reception Rooms
- 5 Bedrooms
- Luxury Open Plan Fitted Kitchen/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Superb Family Bath/Shower Room
- En-suite + Dressing Room
- In/out Driveway
- Unoverlooked Garden

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HADLEIGH £219,995



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SEPARATE DINING ROOM
UTILITY AREA
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LEIGH ON SEA £249,995



THREE BEDROOM HOME
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17'11 X 14'9 LOUNGE/DINER
SUPERB FITTED KITCHEN

UTILITY ROOM
CLOSE TO THE A127
LUXURY BATHROOM WITH 4 PIECE
SUITE APPROX 60' REAR GARDEN

HADLEIGH £315,000



THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME
DAWS HEATH LOCATION
GROUND FLOOR CLOAKROOM
RECENTLY REFURBISHED

LARGE GARDEN
GARAGE AND OFF-STREET
PARKING

BENFLEET £195,000



THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME
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INTEGRAL GARAGE
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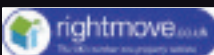
WEST BACKING GARDEN
GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
24FT LOUNGE/DINER

THUNDERSLEY £249,995



THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
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TWO LOFT ROOMS
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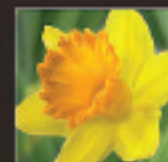
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One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat, Telephone Entry System,
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OPEN HOME Sunday 18th September 12pm - 1pm

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OPEN HOME Sunday 18th September 2pm - 3pm

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Eastwood £109,995



PART EX CONSIDERED
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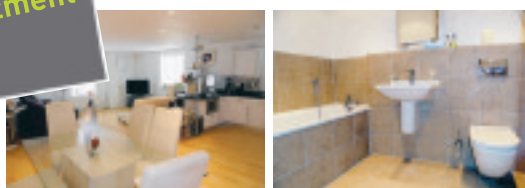
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Q. My home has been on the market for about 3 months, and although there was a lot of interest initially, viewings have now dried up. Is there anything I can do?

A. In a word, yes – not least because the overall state of the housing market is by no means as bleak as all the doom and gloom in the national press might have you believe.

The key thing to remember is that there is now effectively only a 7 or 8-week window before the market starts to slow down again. So, if you would still prefer to sell before Christmas, you need to act now.

And the first thing to do is discuss things with your agent. One thing he or she will probably suggest (and if they don't, you could raise it yourself) is to take fresh photos. People will often retain a visual memory of a property they have already looked at – particularly if they are doing their house-hunting online. As a result, new pictures, perhaps taken from a different angle, can often tempt them to take a second look. Besides, if the existing shots were all taken back in late spring, they will be looking a little tired by now - not to mention over-familiar. And if you are worried about losing those nice, summery pictures, remember that thanks to the wonders of digital photography, you are guaranteed a blue sky – whatever the weather!

You can also help your own cause by casting an objective eye over your home, to make sure that it is still looking its best. Particularly at this time of year, gardens can look rather jaded, so a general tidy-up could well be in order.

Ultimately, however, there is only one real reason why a property isn't selling, and that is price. The fact that you initially had a lot of interest suggests that your original asking price was probably about right. But things have changed since then, and I'm afraid you really may have to bite the bullet and look at lowering your asking price. If you are still asking, say, £205,000 instead of £199,000, your property may no longer be in the right price bracket, and you may be losing out with those buyers looking for "up to £200,000."

Just remember, the property you yourself eventually buy will also be cheaper!

ALAN KIRKMAN is Director of Essex TEAM - part of the UK's largest branded network of independent estate agents, with 50 computer-linked offices across the county and 500 more nationwide. Managing Director of Tudor Estates in Southend, Alan has been an Estate Agent for over 25 years.

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Many house builders are committed to providing affordable homes in Essex and are continuing to work hard to identify opportunities so that they can meet the demand.

But the ability of the councils and new home providers to secure the number of affordable homes needed is constrained by the economic situation and the availability of government grants.

Notting Hill Housing Trust, for example, one of the largest, most experienced, innovative and financially secure housing associations in the UK, was appointed by Havering Council last year to deliver 181 new homes in partnership with Countryside Properties in Hilldene.

But plans to build the homes on 7.2 acres of former sheltered housing sites at Darlington and Chippenham Gardens in Hilldene, Harold Hill, Essex, have been disrupted by the coalition Government's decision to change its funding policy for affordable housing schemes.

A spokesperson for Havering Council said that they remain extremely hopeful that Notting Hill Housing will still be able to secure funding from the government's Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). But failing that, the council would "look at different options, including a change of new homes plans, if the leading housing association failed to get finance from the HCA".

John Hughes, group development director at Notting Hill Housing, said that his firm is keen "to work with the Council and local residents to reinvigorate the area for the benefit of the whole community in Harold Hill".

But despite the various challenges, many property developers are providing much needed new homes, including affordable homes for rent and shared ownership, together with homes for private sale.

The UK's largest house builder, Barratt Homes, held a first time buyer event last weekend on 10th and 11th September, at one of their new developments in Essex called Reflections located in Colchester. Potential buyers were invited to visit and see the new development and talk to the Barratt Homes team about the FirstBuy scheme available on the new homes.

The FirstBuy scheme is a shared equity scheme that makes buying a first home more affordable. Buyers can purchase the property for only 80% of the property sale price. The remaining 20% is loaned and funded by the house builder and the HCA.

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Suzuki go for a splash hit

by Andy Enright

ON PAPER, the Suzuki Splash makes all the right moves but has been a curiously slow seller to date, overshadowed by its sportier Swift sibling. A revised engine line up probably won't do too much to change that, but the Splash deserves your attention if you need something small, affordable yet decently practical.

I'm not sure if you're familiar with the movie 'Failure To Launch'. It's about a guy who never breaks free from his parents' clutches and fails to fulfil his ambitions. Some cars follow a similar trajectory. They promise much, appear to deliver all the right ingredients, yet are mystifyingly left glued to showroom floors as customers flock to apparently less able fare. Just such a car is the Suzuki Splash. It's a properly talented little vehicle, designed in Europe for European tastes, it looks agreeably pert and it drives well but when was the last time you saw one on the road?

Justifiably disgruntled by this state of affairs, Suzuki has attempted to reboot the Splash and place it in the sightline of customers looking for something affordable but usefully practical. With a

revised range of engines and a rejigged trim structure, the Splash rides again.

The big news, which will probably still be ignored by legions of British buyers, is that the Splash now gets the more powerful 93bhp 1.2-litre Dual VVT-i engine from the Swift. This replaces the old 85bhp unit and while the car of an additional eight horsepower may not be enough to overwhelm Suzuki dealers with hordes of braying punters, the engine is a more flexible unit that also features better economy and emissions.

It's mated to five-speed manual gearboxes but there's the option of a four-speed automatic. Suzuki stress that the Hungarian-built Splash has been optimised for European driving conditions and while it does feel a good deal more Western than, say, an old Wagon R, one has to wonder at the cultural stereotyping in testing that took in southern Spanish dirt tracks, German autobahns and English cobble streets. The Splash's ride is actually rather firm but the steering is light, the turning circle tight and all-round visibility is better than that of many of its rivals. The Splash is a compact five-door supermini-MPV not too dissimilar to tols like the Renault Modus or the

Peugeot 1007. Originally, the Splash followed the Swift, Grand Vitara and SX4 as the fourth model to be created under Suzuki's "Way of Life!" design philosophy. This program's aim was to excite customers with a youthful vibrancy that previous small Suzukis had sorely lacked. The old Wagon R certainly had vibrancy but much of it was transmitted through the steering wheel. Space in the rear is pretty tight, as you might expect, but the 178-litre boot has a trick up its sleeve. Under the boot floor, there's a huge wet bin for damp clothes, dirty boots or the

pheasant that you'd just seen mown down. Access to the front is excellent, as the high seating position means you can more or less just step in, which makes the Splash a great choice for older or disabled drivers.

As well as revising the engine line up, Suzuki has changed the trim levels. Gone are the old GLS and GLS+ designations, replaced with levels that bring the Splash more in line with the rest of the Suzuki range. You'll now get to choose between SZ3 and SZ4 variants, the latter getting improved seating trim and a new design of alloy wheel.

All Splash models are equipped with a CD tuner with MP3 player and steering

wheel-mounted audio controls, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, remote central locking, front electric windows with driver's auto-down, air conditioning, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, height-adjustable front seats, a tilt adjustable steering wheel and an information display.

Safety is another crucial constituent part of a small family vehicle and the Splash has an impressively complete specification in this regard. Four airbags, seatbelt force limiters and pre-tensioners for the front seats, ABS with brake assist and electronic brakeforce distribution are included, as are ESP stability control and an additional pair of side curtain airbags on 1.2 SZ4 models.

The revised 1.2-litre engine now achieves some very respectable figures, going 55.4 miles on a gallon of unleaded while emitting just 199g/km of carbon dioxide. Compare that to the 51.4mpg and 129g/km from the old

1.2-litre engine and you'll see where savings can be made. The Suzuki Splash is a car

that needs a more compelling hook. It does nothing poorly but needs just one area where it excels to attract significant custom.

Right now I'm struggling to think of the attribute that would make me want one. It's a car that might well reward the buyer who puts some time and effort into researching a car purchase, someone who realises that discounts are available and that, along with robust residual values, the bottom line pence per mile figures will be satisfyingly low.

As a supermini-MPV, the Splash barely puts a foot wrong. It's reasonable fun to drive, easy to get in and out of and data thus far suggests it's extremely reliable. It lacks the verve and wit of the best European rivals but if you can forgo a little personality you'll be rewarded with a car that's well thought through. "Well Thought Through" may not be the tagline Suzuki needs to turn around the Splash's rather modest sales record. For thoughtful drivers, however, it could be just the ticket.

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Shrimpers suffer defeat on the road at Swindon

Southend United

SOUTHEND United suffered a disappointing 2-0 defeat at Swindon Town on Saturday.

The Blues are struggling up front and had to do without Liam Dickinson (ban), Neil Harris (groin) and Barry Corr (knee), leaving makeshift striker Bilel Mohsni up front with Blair Sturrock.

It was Swindon who started off brighter with Matt Ritchie forcing an early save from Glenn Morris and Mehdi Kerrouche touching the top of the bar with a header.

At the other end Sturrock and Mohsni combined for a chance before the former brought a good save from Mattia Lanzano.

The Italian keeper was, perhaps, lucky to stay on the field after handling the ball outside his area, and Luke Prosser could only head over from Ryan Hall's free kick.

The Robins broke the deadlock on 38 minutes after calamitous defending from Southend gifted first half sub Jonathan Smith possession on the edge of the box and he sent a rasping drive beyond Morris.

The Blues could have equalised soon after but Ryan Leonard headed over from six yards when he should have scored.

Harry Crawford came on for Mohsni at half time, but any hopes of a quick comeback were thwarted when Swindon doubled their lead three minutes after the restart.

Simon Ferry surged into the box and squared the ball to Kerrouche to turn home.

That all but sealed the game as the toothless Blues struggled to create any chances of note and Swindon happy to take their second win on the bounce.

Southend were due to host Gillingham last night (Tuesday) and welcome Plymouth Argyle on Saturday.



ATTACK: Sid Hoult steps through.

Picture by Martin Dixon

Barking and Southend are both beaten

Rugby Union

BARKING slipped to their second defeat in National League One, going down 36-31 at Cambridge on Saturday.

Ahead at one-stage by 26-3, Barking were undone by Cambridge's forward line, who earned their first win of the season.

Southend also fell to their second defeat of the season in National Two South, losing 26-27 at home to Sheldford.

It has proved to be a tough start in National Three London & South East for Westcliff who went down to their second defeat, losing 8-43 to Gravesend.

In London One North, Chingford are one of four sides to make it two wins out of two, winning 3-14 at Eton Manor.

Brentwood are included in the list after seeing off Thurrock 20-11, while Rochford Hundred are still searching for their first league win following their 14-8 defeat at

Braintree.

Romford & Gidea Park got off to a winning start in London Two North East, beating Woodford 3-10, along with Chelmsford who won 16-21 at Canvey Island. Basildon went down 41-33 at Lowestoft & Yarmouth.

In London Three North East, Campion were 17-10 winners over South Woodham Ferrers.

Upminster went down to a 20-3 defeat at Norwich while Wanstead were beaten 15-13 at Sudbury.

Chelmsford pick up win while Thurrock draw

Non-League Football

CHELMSFORD City earned a dominant 4-0 victory at bottom side Hampton & Richmond Borough on Saturday in Blue Square South.

Aiden Palmer gave the Clarets a third minute lead, with Dave Rainford (pen 22) and Mark Haines (22) fired home within a few seconds of each other.

Cliff Akurang scored City's fourth on 68 minutes to complete the victory.

Thurrock played out a goalless draw with Tonbridge Angels to leave them second from bottom.

Canvey Island are third in Ryman League Premier thanks to their 2-0 victory at Wingate & Finchley.

Leon Gordon headed Gulls' opener on the half hour, before Jay Curran wrapped up the points in the last minute.

Billericay Town also enjoyed their travels, winning 1-0 at Carshalton Athletic, with Jay May heading in the winner with 10 minutes to go.

East Thurrock United picked up

their second victory of the season, winning 1-0 at home against Hesham, Neil Richmond scoring the lone goal on 70 minutes.

Winless Concord Rangers got their third draw of the season, coming back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at home to Hastings United.

The goals came in 11 minutes after the half-hour mark. Aaron Hopkinson and Matt Hall put the visitors ahead, but Kyle Asante and a Michael Noone penalty ensured Concord levelled.

AFC Hornchurch's Martin Tuohy scored the winner at his former club Aveley on Monday night in their 3-2 win.

After Elliott Styles headed Urchins in the lead in the first minute, Aveley took a 2-1 lead into half-time thanks to an Ellis Remy double.

However, Lewis Smith struck early to equalise for Hornchurch before Tuohy's winner nine minutes from time.

The top two in Ryman League Division One North met at Chatham and it was Grays Athletic who came

out on top 2-0 thanks to Harry Agombar's double.

Grays are a point clear of Waltham Forest who came back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 against Maldon & Tiptree.

A Dave Collins free-kick and a Ross Wall header put Maldon ahead after 21 minutes.

Jeff Hammond reduced the arrears with a penalty before half-time for Forest who later had Josh Green sent off.

But ten man Forest equalised on 76 minutes through Manu Dagher and Hammond fired in his second penalty to put them ahead. Maldon's miserable afternoon was compounded with the sending off of keeper Sam Cowler late on.

Tilbury lost their unbeaten record at Leiston, going down 3-0 inside the first 26 minutes. Leiston's goals came from Nathan Stone, Joe Jefford and Lee McGlone.

Heybridge Swifts were held to a 2-2 draw by Soham Town Rangers. Michael Simpson gave Soham a 68th minute lead, but Bertie Brayley and Tom Broadhurst put Swifts

ahead in the final seven minutes before David Cobb's last-gasp effort.

Redbridge battled back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 at Great Woking Dovers. George Artemi and Nathan Dewberry put Woking ahead inside 26 minutes, but Redbridge scored three goals in 15 minutes to earn the three points thanks to goals from Mitchell Dias and a Ryan Murray double.

Winless Ilford were beaten 3-1 at Potters Bar Town. Tom Pett (pen) and Matt Clifford put the hosts ahead with Ali Olatunbosun pulling a goal back for Ilford.

But it was all in vain as Pett scored his second seven minutes from time.

Brentwood Town saw off Waltham Abbey with a 2-0 win with Luke Croll and Leon Fisher on target, while Romford were held to a 2-2 draw by Cheshunt.

Romford went ahead each time through Jack Barry and Paul Kavanagh, but Cheshunt's Josh Hutchinson scored a double to peg back Boro.

West Ham United

Irons win a seven-goal thriller against Pompey

WEST Ham moved up to fourth in the Championship following a 4-3 in an absorbing encounter against Portsmouth at Upton Park.

The visitors took the lead after just eight minutes when Luke Varney's wayward effort took a huge deflection off Carlton Cole and found its way into the back of the net.

A setback for the Irons, but one they responded to instantly. Cole was fouled on the edge of the box and Matthew Taylor curled in an excellent free kick to level things against his former club.

The Hammers were in control for much of the match, but Portsmouth would have taken the lead going into half time had it not been for the reflexes of Robert Green.

Into the second half and the home side got their noses in front for the first time on the afternoon. On loan Henri Lansbury, who looks an astute signing by Sam Allardyce, followed up on a loose ball in the box and his effort bobbed over the line.

Now it was Pompey's turn to make something of a comeback and the scores were level again on the hour mark. Desperate goalline defending failed to prevent David Norris's header going over the line, although Benjani made sure in any case.

Then came the possible turning point of the game. Liam Lawrence, already on a yellow card, lunged in late on substitute David Bentley and received his marching orders.

That was on 67 minutes and just five more passed before the Irons took the lead again. Jason Pearce handled in the box as Lansbury tried to flick the ball beyond him and Mark Noble crashed the resulting penalty past Jamie Ashdown.

And the victory was sealed with 15 minutes to go when Taylor's looping cross was superbly headed home by Cole.

There was still further drama to come as Frederic Piquionne, on as a sub, was sent off for raising his hands to the face of Greg Halford and it was the latter who scored a late, late consolation for the penalty spot for Pompey after Tal Ben Haim tumbled in the box.

A morale-boosting home win for the Hammers who travel to Millwall on Saturday.

Rugby Union

Redbacks find it tough against Trojans in semi

ESSEX Redbacks' senior team found the going tough against the unbeaten Liverpool Trojans at the Senior NBCs, being beaten in the AAA semi-finals on Saturday.

After racing to a six-run lead on the back of aggressive hitting and base-running, the Redbacks fell by the wayside as a series of walks and errors allowed the Trojans back into the game. And after changing pitchers, the Trojans would not allow the Redbacks to score again and instead bolstered their lead.

The Essex Redbacks Ponies were the final team to make the playoffs, but after narrowly winning against the Herts All-Stars, the London Mets Ponies, the favourites for retaining their Ponies National Title next weekend, ended their season.

Michael Crabb pitched well against Herts, but Harry Ward replaced him to pick up the win late in the game with all batters contributing, but the Mets proved one step too far and unfortunately there was tame resistance from the Redbacks as they went down hard.

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ACTION! Over 30 amazing rides including 5 roller-coasters - all accessible with just one great value ride band! * (*height restrictions apply)

17th September

**Pink/
Lady Ga Ga** tribute



24th September

Katy Perry
tribute



1st October

the **glee**
experience



8th October

Cheryl Cole tribute



BIG SATURDAY NIGHT OUT



HALF PRICE

from 6pm

... **HALF PRICE RIDE BANDS**
from 6pm every Saturday night
throughout Sept. and Oct.



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...AND HAVE SOME REAL ENTERTAINMENT!